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FAMILY FIGHT ON AS COURT BACKS DEATH CRASH PC

Ruling finds dead mother partly to blame over accident



COLLISION: Rachel Cheesewright

THE father of a woman killed in a collision with a police car in 2005 says he will take the case to the House of Lords after a Court of Appeal ruled his daughter was partly responsible for the crash.

Rachel Cheesewright was killed when her Ford Fiesta was hit by a patrol car travelling at more than 90mph driven by PC William Purse.

Last year judge Jonathon Simpkins ruled at Canterbury County Court the police had been 100 per cent responsible for the death of the 29-year-old mother from Kennington in Ashford.

But now the panel of three judges at the High Court in London has overturned the decision, saying that Miss Cheesewright was 60 per cent to blame for the accident.

Rachel's father Tony Cheesewright said: "This

By **ED HILLS**

was a death that should not and did not need to happen. My daughter would be alive today had the police driver PC Purse acted responsibly.

"Instead, PC Purse was driving at a reckless speed, straddling the centre line and forcing an oncoming independent witness to take evasive action by driving her car into a ditch before he ploughed into Rachel's vehicle and cut it in half."

On the night of the accident – October 22 – Miss Cheesewright had just left the Bonny Cravat public house in Woodchurch where she worked as a barmaid. As she turned onto the A28 her Ford Fiesta was hit by the police patrol car, splitting it in two and killing her instantly.

Peter Cutler, from Harman and Harman Solicitors representing the family, said: "The judges said that Rachel's failure to look right a sec-

ond time was a contributory factor to her death. For that minor omission they have attributed 60 per cent responsibility to Rachel."

The judges argued that if Miss Cheesewright had looked again she would never have pulled out in front of the police car, despite the fact that it was emerging from a bend just before the junction.

However, the judges did acknowledge the police car was going too fast and speed had been a factor that contributed to her death.

In the draft judgement they wrote: "I would hold that PC Purse's negligence driving at the speed found by the judge, without his siren sounding, was a contributory cause of the accident. Excessive speed can and did have immediate consequences."

The family feel that they have still won a victory because the police driver was considered partly to blame for the crash.

Mr Cutler said: "The 40 per cent apportion of

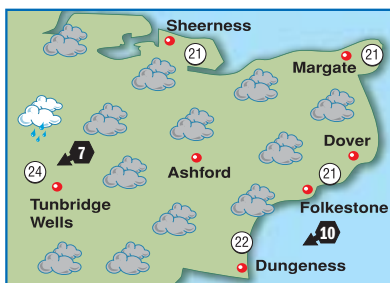
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Kent today



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Around Britain

		°C	°F			°C	°F
Aberdeen	fair	19	66	London	fair	23	73
Belfast	fair	24	75	Liverpool	rain	25	77
Birmingham	cloudy	22	72	Manchester	showers	23	73
B'mouth	showers	23	73	Newcastle	cloudy	21	70
Bristol	fair	19	66	Norwich	cloudy	21	70
Cardiff	fair	22	72	Oxford	cloudy	24	75
Cork	drizzle	18	64	Southsea	fair	24	75
Edinburgh	cloudy	20	68	S'hampton	fair	23	73
Glasgow	cloudy	23	73	Southport	rain	25	77
Isle of Man	fair	21	70	Swansea	cloudy	23	73
Leeds	cloudy	22	72	Torquay	fair	21	70

Sun & moon

Sunrise	4.40am	Sunset	9.17pm	Lighting up times:
Moonrise	12.10pm	Moonset	11.59pm	9.17pm to 4.40am

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Margate	05.04 4.7 17.05 4.6	05.54 4.5 17.57 4.5
St Mary's	09.46 5.1 22.08 5.2	10.38 4.8 23.02 4.9

Week ahead

monday Isolated showers. max 25C min 15C	thursday A few showers. max 28C min 15C
tuesday Isolated showers. max 27C min 15C	friday Showers, heavy. max 26C min 25C
wednesday Isolated showers. max 27C min 16C	saturday Isolated showers. max 24C min 14C

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Family will appeal death crash blame ruling

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blame on the police is significant and will mean Rachel's daughter Charlotte will get some compensation."

The family now say they are considering taking the case to the House of Lords.

Assistant Chief Constable Allyn Thomas, from Kent Police, said: "In September, 2008, a

judgment was awarded against the force following a civil claim made by the executor of a young woman who died after her car was in collision with a police vehicle.

"Miss Cheesewright died after a Kent Police vehicle, responding to an emergency call, was in collision with her car at the A28 Ashford Road junction with Bissenden Green

Lane, Bethersden. An inquest jury returned an accidental death verdict in January 2008, describing the collision as a 'tragic accident'.

"Kent Police's thoughts continue to be with Miss Cheesewright's family and everyone who was involved, including the police officers who were answering an emergency call when the collision occurred."

Councillors get eight per cent pay increase

By **JENNA PUDELEK**

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OPPOSITION parties at County Hall have described an eight per cent allowances hike voted in by Tory councillors "morally wrong".

A Liberal Democrat motion for the council to put the decision on hold until after a public consultation was rejected by the Conservatives, who have 74 of the 84 seats in the chamber.

The hike was voted through on Thursday at the first full council meeting following the Kent County Council elections last month.

KCC leader Cllr Paul Carter argued that members' allowances had not increased in four years and the amount took account of inflation, the size of the authority and the long hours councillors worked.

In response, Cllr Trudy Dean, leader of the Lib Dems, said: "The first thing to note is that KCC councillors are some of the highest paid in the country."

"People are coping with wage freezes, wage cuts and even being asked to work for free, and in the first full meeting after the election the Tories have given themselves an eight per cent increase. That is just not acceptable."

Cllr Elizabeth Green, one of only two Labour members of the council, said her party had also voted against an increase in allowances: "In the current financial climate when people are not getting pay rises and having their hours reduced, I think it is absolutely morally wrong."

The basic allowance for councillors is now £13,000, up from £12,000. The special responsibility allowance for lead members has been increased 30 per cent. Cllr Carter's allowance as leader has risen from £41,000 to £44,300.

Members' allowances are recommended by an Independent Remuneration Panel (IRP).

Fiona Leathers, the IPR's chair, said: "I think the increase is absolutely fair. The



PAY: Cllr Trudy Dean (Lib Dem) is one of the few opposition councillors left to vote against the decision to increase member's allowances which is backed by Tory Cllr Paul Carter



councillors have not had an increase since 2005 and it is less than the cost of inflation, so it is really standing still.

"KCC has the largest budget in the country at £2.4 billion. We want to get good councillors to look after our county and we aren't going to get that by paying small amounts."

In response to criticism that the increase was inappropriate during the recession, she said: "But people were not getting pay cuts four years ago. From the point of view of a council taxpayer, putting allowances up every four years is actually keeping costs down."

Mrs Leathers, who lives in Edenbridge and is a magistrate and a Citizens Advice Bureau supervisor, said a public consultation would be a bad idea because people did not have the same experience as the IRP.

"Obviously if people in the street, not knowing the background or having the experience, were asked the answer would be 'no'."

Other members of the IPR, who are all magistrates, include Linda Frampton from

Broadstairs. She is finance director of a company in the storage industry. Elizabeth Tullberg is a former chair of the Kent Probation Committee and a member of the Kent Police Authority standards committee.

Cllr Richard Lees, of the Swanscombe and Greenhithe Residents Association, abstained from the vote. He said he found the decision difficult as a new member and was not convinced either side of the debate was right.

"I do not feel it is appropriate for any elected member, whether they are MPs, county councillors or parish councillors, to approve their own pay rises," he added.

The Lib Dems' Cllr Dean admitted there was little the opposition could do due to the Tories' massive majority.

She said: "I think it will be seen as unfair to county council staff [who were only awarded a one per cent increase this year] and also to members of the public."

"No-one I'm aware of is looking at an eight per cent pay increase this year."



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Motorcyclists pay respects to leader of the pack, Father Bill

Bike tribute to 'Rev'

By **CHRIS MURPHY**

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ONE of Britain's oldest motorcycle clubs has marked the passing of their leading light with a spectacular ceremony that included a powerful bike roaring down the aisle of a church.

The life president of the 69 Motorcycle Club, named after the year it was formed, was Father William Shergold, who died last month aged 89.

The service was held at Charlton Church, Dover, where 'Father Bill' had been vicar. He retired in 1984.

Before that he had been a vicar in east London, and the keen biker worked with the 59 Club, a motorcycle club designed to bring young people into the Church.

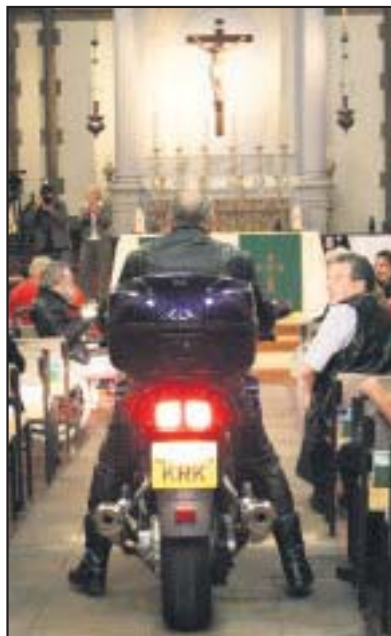
In 1969 he moved to Kent, and he started the new club for bikers, which is still going strong today.

Club spokesman Anita Luckett, from Dover, said: "Father Bill passed peacefully away after a long illness at the nursing home in which he was a resident in Wells, Somerset, where he had moved to retire.

"He was known as Farv and remained interested in the club's affairs up until his last days. He had just sent us a card with good wishes for the forthcoming 40th anniversary church service and celebration.

"Those who knew him well will miss his wry humour and deep understanding of and empathy for people from all walks of life.

"In addition to his achievements in the motorcycling world, Farv was involved with helping the Terrence Higgins Trust while in London on his first attempt to retire.



Picture ANITA LUCKETT

CEREMONY: Father Colin Johnson rides into Charlton church at the service in which motorcycles and riders were blessed

"He famously donated the jeans he modelled for a famous manufacturer [Wranglers in 1991] to the homeless as he thought they had more need than him of them.

"He will be much missed.

"Before he died, he urged the many club members to continue with the service with the words 'whatever happens'.

The congregation was stunned last



ENTHUSIAST: The late Farther William Shergold (left) and Father Colin Johnson in Charlton church in 2006

Saturday when Father Colin Johnson rode into Charlton Church, at the beginning of the service in which motorcycles and their riders were blessed.

Anita said: "We were all told to stay sitting when he came in, which at the time we thought was odd, and then we heard the engine of the bike as he rode all the way to the altar.

"At the end he jumped back on the bike and rode back out again. It was an amazing sight."

A moving but joyful service featured memories of Father Bill and club events over the years, and the blessing of motorcycles brought into the church, a custom introduced by Father Bill from the first days of the 59 Motorcycle Club in London.

Star O'Grady to open village fete

TOP TV celebrity and famous resident of Aldington Paul O'Grady opens the village school fete next Saturday, 4 July.

The event will have an American Independence Day theme, so a marching band from the 305 (Ashford) Squadron Air Training Corps starts the programme at 2pm.

The fete is the biggest fund-raiser of the Aldington Primary School PTFA year – the 2008 event generated a record £2,959.

Poet Motion goes back to school

A FORMER Poet Laureate has spent a day working with English students at a school.

Sir Andrew Motion advised three Year 7 classes at Fulston Manor School in Sittingbourne on how to write poetry.

He first visited the school in February for a session with teachers about poetry, and was so impressed he said he wanted to return to work with the children.

Sir Andrew fulfilled this wish by spending an hour with each group and gave them advice on using their imaginations to write poems.

To watch this clip search 'train' @ yourkenttv.co.uk



Julie Maddocks on one of the new high-speed bullet trains on a test run between Ashford and St Pancras



UNDERCOVER: Top secret Jaguars suddenly exposed to expert eyes at Dover docks and (right) Jaguar's teasing official shot which doesn't give much away

Jag's new cat nearly let out of the bag at docks

PRESTIGE carmaker Jaguar has gone to great lengths to ensure that the shape of its new flagship model stays secret until a public unveiling on July 9, **writes KOS Media motoring editor Steve Loader**

The security crackdown has been so successful that even leading motor magazines have failed to secure the usual spy shots, sneak previews and artist's impressions expected ahead of a launch.

Enthusiasts have had to make do instead with a virtually meaningless official shot from overhead, plus guessing how much design 'language' has been carried over from last year's radical XF mid-range Jag.

It has fuelled speculation that this latest XJ will be a huge and controversial break from a styling tradition established in the 1960s.

So, imagine the shock for company minders as they drove three of the hottest motors of the moment onto a ferry queue at Dover, to find themselves surrounded by Jag fans keen to snatch photos, ask awkward questions and

ogle the brand's most important car for years.

The cars were wearing some dummy body sections to mislead onlookers and cameras lenses – standard industry practice – but, unluckily, were confronted by the last people in the motoring world likely to be fooled.

P&O Ferries' spokesman Brian Rees told KoS: "We had booked a big rally for owners of old Jags – 70-odd cars including at least a dozen pristine E-types.

"They were a fantastic sight parked in the waiting lanes at Dover Eastern Docks, with owners discussing the finer points, when three cars straight from the set of a Mad Max movie roar up.

"The guys from Jaguar were probably saying: 'Of all the boats in all the world...'

"For some reason the custodians of the new cars weren't very chatty, but the Jag fans were 99 per cent certain they were looking at the new XJ, no matter how heavily disguised."

• **For more on the new Jaguar XJ see Steve Loader's First Gear report on page 60.**

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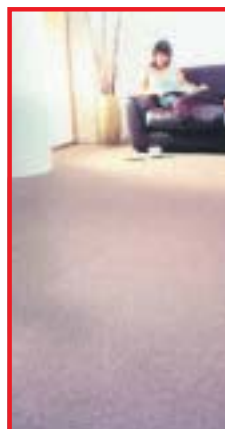


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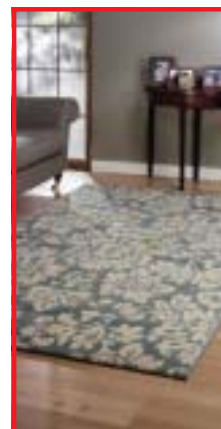
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Jacko impersonator would like to honour dead legend's 02 gigs

By **NEILL BARSTON**

A DEVASTATED Michael Jackson impersonator has vowed to carry on the legacy of his hero after learning of his sudden death.

"I just can't believe it, I am in complete shock and it's left a big hole in my world," revealed a crushed Ben Bowman who has performed as the King of Pop for the last five years across the UK.

The 23-year-old performer from Leysdown on the Isle of Sheppey has been left reeling by the news of Jackson's death in Los Angeles from a heart attack on Thursday.

The iconic superstar had been reportedly due to stay at a manor house in Chislehurst during his hugely hyped comeback string of 50 comeback shows at the O2.

"I had three lots of tickets to see Michael, including one set which a bride at a wedding show I was performing at gave to me, which I was so touched by," added Ben.

Moonwalk

"I would 100 per cent want to do the shows for him at the O2. I feel I now have a purpose to my work. Before it was just a job, but now I feel I must continue his legacy. He was the greatest artist of all time and is just unbeatable."

Ben has idolised the reclusive star from the age of four and one of his earliest memories was of asking his relatives to put on Michael Jackson records at a club owned by the family so he could perform the moonwalk along to the Thriller star's music.

From initially playing small pub gigs, demand has grown for his shows and it has become a full-time role for him, performing at venues across the country.

To see this clip search 'Bowman' @ yourkenttv.co.uk



See Michael Jackson impersonator Ben Bowman, who explains how he was inspired by the King of Pop

Ben said: "He will be remembered for his rise and falls.

"But having seen every scrap of footage on him I have no doubt in my mind that he was not guilty of child abuse charges against him. He was just a reclusive, misunderstood man.

"But I will continue to carry his legacy on and even though I never actually met him he has been a huge part of my life."

Ben says there has been an ever-increasing demand for Michael Jackson tribute acts and he has spent countless hours perfecting his own homage to the departed singer.

He said: "I have put an incredible amount into the shows that we do.

"As far as I'm concerned he's still the King of Pop and always will be."



KING OF POP: Legend Michael Jackson

47 arrested as trouble flares in migrant camps

A PROTEST over immigration controls has led to the arrest of 47 activists by French riot police in Calais.

The protestors, who were arrested on Friday, are from the group No Borders and aimed to lead thousands of migrants camped out at the port town through the Channel Tunnel and into Kent.

More than 800 riot control officers were in Calais, according to reports, with another 1,200 on standby nearby.

The protestors have set up a camp aimed at helping migrants 'tear down the borders' to the UK.

Thousands of migrants from around the world are living in squalid conditions and sleeping rough in the so-called 'Jungle' or forests around Calais.

Taking a turn to set new record

POTTERS from across the country are gearing-up to battle it out today as they try to smash a world record.

The Friars' Aylesford Priory is playing host to the Guinness World Record attempt for making the most amount of pots during its annual Potters Market.

The Friars is entering its own contestant, Mark 'Billy' Byles, who is the co-founder of Aylesford Pottery, which is set within the religious ground.

The Potters Market will be open between 10am and 5pm.

Entry is £4 for adults, accompanied children enter free and £3 for concessions.

School shut as two more test positive for swine flu

TWO more people have tested positive for swine flu as the virus spreads further across the county, *writes Jenna Pudelek*.

Canterbury Christ Church University said a part-time mature female student who studies at the Broadstairs campus was diagnosed with the H1N1 virus on Thursday.

A spokesman said the student does not live in university accommodation, and is being treated for her symptoms in line with Health Protection Agency (HPA) guidelines.

Ian Johnson, headteacher at the Marlowe Academy in Ramsgate, announced on Thursday that a teacher at the school had tested positive for swine flu.

The two Thanet confirmed cases bring the total across Kent and Medway to 28.

Mr Johnson said the teacher had been in contact with one of the 10 students from the University of Kent who tested positive for the virus last week.

He said after he discovered the student had swine flu he contacted all staff members and pupils likely to have been in contact with the patient and told them to stay at home.

Two students at the school are waiting for their swine flu test results to come back

and the school was closed on Friday.

"Getting advice and guidance from the relevant health authorities has proved difficult at such short notice," Mr Johnson said in a letter to parents posted on the school website on Thursday.

"However, having read all the guidance currently in school, I have decided to close the Marlowe Academy to staff and students tomorrow [Friday] in the first instance.

"To the best of my knowledge, this is the first case of swine flu in our area, and my initial reaction is to do everything I can to reduce risk to our community and those beyond."

The World Health Organisation (WHO) has declared swine flu, which originated in Mexico, the first global pandemic in 41 years.

HPA advice is to call the swine flu information line on 0800 1513 513 if you are worried.

If a person has flu-like symptoms and has recently returned from one of the countries where swine flu has been identified or has been in contact with a case of swine flu, they should stay at home and contact NHS Direct on 0845 4647 or phone their GP.

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RAF instructor returns to Biggin Hill show where he first set his heart on flying

Pilot is 'living the dream'



SKY HIGH:
Flt Lt Matt Barker
(right) will put his
Hawk jet through
its paces at Biggin
Hill air show



MATT Barker will be wowing crowds at this weekend's Biggin Hill air show in his Hawk jet, but the RAF pilot said any youngster with a passion for flying should work hard to achieve their ambition.

The Flight Lieutenant, from Beckenham, said: "That's what I had to do. I was a kid in the crowd at the Biggin Hill air show every year with my family and I knew then that was what I wanted to do."

Currently he is with 208 Squadron based at RAF Valley (Anglesey) where he is part of the Central Flying School and teaches pilots how to instruct on the Hawk. This is his first year as the RAF Hawk display pilot.

But Flt Lt Barker is no stranger to combat and has flown reconnaissance missions over Iraq in Tornados.

The 31-year-old was educated at

By **CHRIS MURPHY**

Langley Park School for Boys. And it was here that he became a member of 578 Squadron Air Training Corps.

He said: "That really opened doors for me and is a fast way to get into a pilot's seat."

From there he joined the RAF in 1996, as a sponsored student reading geography at Loughborough University.

Intense

While studying he completed his elementary flying training on the Bulldog TMk1 at East Midlands University Air squadron. Then it was on to initial officer training at Royal Air Force Cranwell in 1999.

After graduating, he was selected for fast-jet training which he undertook on the Tucano and Hawk aircraft, and then tactical weapons training.

He said: "I have been to Iraq, but would warn anyone thinking about this career to consider this aspect care-

fully. It's not for everyone and can be quite intense."

The pilot has flown in North America, Canada, France and the Czech Republic as well as flying operational missions during deployments to the Middle East.

The fan of squash, hillwalking and running, said: "It will be like coming home. This is where my dream started, I am looking forward to it. I want to impress the crowds and show what a great way to make a living this is. I really am living the dream."

His display Hawk has a striking new livery featuring the 'Heart Roundel' logo of the RAF Benevolent Fund, the RAF's leading welfare charity, painted prominently on the underbelly.

Flt Lt Barker's dynamic eight-minute display sequence includes a new rolling manoeuvre and a flat helix, in which G forces rapidly change from plus-eight to minus-three.

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EXCLUSIVE

By CHRIS MURPHY

AN OBSCENE drawing by Chillenden murderer Michael Stone is being sold on eBay to raise cash to try and free the hammer killer.

Dr Shaun Russell, whose wife and daughter were killed by Stone, has described to sale to fund a helicopter to "spring" the murderer as "repellent".

The picture has been advertised on the auction site by Alexander Baron, a fanatical campaigner who believes Stone is innocent.

He already runs a website which claims junkie Stone is was wrongly convicted of the 1997 killing of Lin Russell, 45, and her daughter Megan, six, as they walked home from school.

Her other daughter Josie, then nine, spent months in hospital battling for her life after the frenzied attack.

There was no forensic evidence linking Stone to the murder. But after two jury trials and an appeals process Dr Russell said he was convinced of Stone's guilt.

But Baron remains convinced of Stone's innocence and claims another hammer killer Levi Bellfield, currently in jail for similar murders, could be guilty of the Chillenden assaults.

Website

Two weeks ago Kent on Sunday revealed a sick photographic 'competition' on Baron's website which offered a £10,000 prize if anyone could come up a picture of Stone elsewhere at the time of the killing.

The contest was roundly condemned by Dr Shaun Russell, now living in Wales.

He said it was distressing, but not surprising, that someone still claims the killer of his wife and daughter was innocent.

Dr Shaun Russell said: "My initial reaction over the cartoon and the reasons for selling it on eBay to 'spring him from gaol' no matter how facetious, was that it is repellent and distasteful.

Killer Stone's 'repellent' art up for sale on eBay



DISTASTEFUL: Stone's picture, which has been put on popular auction site eBay in the hope of raising money to help free the killer from jail

"Then sad resignation that this sort of thing is bound to continue and there's really nothing much that Josie and I are ever going to be able to do about it."

Baron, from Sydenham, wrote to Kent on Sunday about the eBay offer. It is clear from Baron's website that he is in contact with the killer.

On the sale, posted on the US eBay site, the details read: "In 1997, Maidstone man Michael Stone was fitted up for a notorious double homicide known as the Chillenden Murders."

It goes on: "At the time, Stone was a petty

drug dealer and crook, but over the past few years he has blossomed into the Van Gogh of Full Sutton Prison. Recently a new suspect emerged for the Chillenden Murders, a psycho named Levi Bellfield.

Helicopter

"Stone's supporters need to raise fifty grand for DNA tests and to investigate leads which Kent Police have refused to follow up, or failing that we need to raise thirty grand to hire a helicopter and spring him from gaol so he can be smuggled out to a country which won't

extradite, in a case which relies solely on a cell confession which was supposedly made to a junkie who is so far gone he tries to phone his own dead mother. In this connection we are inviting bids initially for one of Stone's cartoons. Others to follow."

He told KoS: "There might be another story here if we get an exotic bid or two from an American libertarian or someone with a beef against the criminal justice system."

The sale is due to end on July 1.

On Friday the obscene cartoon, which has little artistic merit, had received no bids.

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Natural send-off for Soft Machine's Hugh



Hugh Hopper

A TIBETAN Buddhist ceremony was the final send-off for a musician who was one of the leading lights of the 'Canterbury scene'.

The ceremony for Hugh Hopper, on Thursday at Deerton natural burial ground, near Teynham, was attended by friends, family and admirers of the Soft Machine bass player.

Mr Hopper, 64, died at home in Whitstable on June 7, two days after marrying his French partner Christine. He had been suffering from leukaemia.

A trio of saxophonists performed Miniluv, from Mr Hopper's solo album 1984, as the procession followed the casket into the burial ground. Later in the afternoon,

an impromptu concert was held in Whitstable in his honour.

Mr Hopper was one of the founders of the Canterbury progressive music scene with pop covers band the Wilde Flowers, formed with his brother Brian and other Kent youngsters including Kevin Ayers, Robert Wyatt and Richard Sinclair, who would go on to enjoy critical acclaim in the 60s and 70s after the formation of Soft Machine, Caravan and a host of spin-off bands.

Mr Hopper worked as Soft Machine's tour manager when the band toured the USA with the Jimi Hendrix Experience, and became the band's bass guitarist in 1968.

His idiosyncratic style and fuzz



Picture: KEVIN MUDGE-WOOD

TRIO'S TRIBUTE: Saxophonists played at Hugh Hopper's funeral

bass became one of the band's trademarks as Soft Machine's experimental art rock evolved into a more pro-

gressive style. He left the band in 1973 to record his first solo project, 1984, and spent much of the 1970s collaborating with such musical luminaries as jazz composer Carla Bley and keyboard player Alan Gowen.

He also joined saxophonist Elton Dean and drummer Pip Pyle to form a Canterbury scene 'supergroup' called Soft Heap in 1978.

In the 1980s Mr Hopper collaborated with former Hatfield and the North guitarist Phil Miller's band In Cahoots and continued to release experimental solo albums either recorded at home or in local studios up until 2008, the year he was diagnosed with leukaemia.

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Pocahontas find a boost for history enthusiasts

By **CHRIS MURPHY**
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REDISCOVERED details of a failed attempt to exhume the remains of the legendary American Indian princess Pocahontas could prove to be a goldmine for people studying family history.

A 'lost' notebook belonging to one of the men at the failed exhumation in Gravesend has emerged, and it includes more than 990 historic gravestone inscriptions which have since eroded away.

The book's details, along with more than 100 others, have now been placed online by the Kent Archaeology Society.

The organisation said it is delighted the details have surfaced once more and say they could help people piece together family trees.

They were contained in a 100-year-old notebook owned by one of the organisation's officials, Sir Thomas Colyer-Fergusson, of Ightham Mote. Most of them have now been transcribed from original notes made by antiquarians more than a century ago.

They provide previous missing genealogical information from gravestones that have since become illegible or been removed.

More than 900 of the inscriptions are from St Botolph's, Northfleet, and St George's, Gravesend. They were originally recorded by Sir Thomas, a life member and officer of the society. His notebooks were donated to the Centre for Kentish Studies.

Incredibly, the missing inscriptions feature photographs taken in St George's churchyard at 6am one morning in 1923.

They were taken during an unsuccessful attempt to find the remains of Pocahontas,



RECORDS: Photos and notes of the area at the time of the exhumation attempt may prove a goldmine for genealogists

who died on board a ship off Gravesend in 1617 and was buried at St George's.

The site of her grave is still a mystery.

Pocahontas, a native American, saved the life of Captain John Smith, the 'Father' of the state of Virginia, in 1607 which a colony of the UK was back then.

The pictures show the scene in the churchyard. Among those present were Canon Gedge, the blind Rector of St George's; Sir Arthur Keith from the Royal College of Surgeons; Philip Franklin of the English Speaking Union, plus Sir Thomas.

Among the new inscriptions recorded is one of Timothy Ivanov of the Russian Imperial Service. He was killed in an explosion on a ship in Pitchers Dockyard in 1813.

Another is of Frederick Harper who drowned while sliding on thin ice at Botany Bay Pond, Northfleet, in 1889.

Others are from 27 parishes including Thanet, Sandwich, Deal, Tovel and Maidstone. See www.kentarchaeology.org.uk.

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Passer-by photographs CCTV car parked illegally, but it only costs a penny

CCTV car dumped on yellow lines as driver uses the toilet

By **CHRIS MURPHY**

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AN ENGINEER was stunned to see a Medway council CCTV car stop on double yellow lines – just seconds away from a car park – so the driver could use a public toilet.

Dave Stephenson said he was amazed by the driver's behaviour – and even snapped a few pictures with his camera phone.

The 44-year-old from Chatham, said: "I was working in Rochester when I saw the car pull up on double yellow lines and the driver dash out into the toilets."

"He was gone about 10 minutes before coming back out and driving off. If it had been anyone else stopping there, they would have ended up with a parking ticket."

He said the incident happened on Friday, June 19, at about 1.30pm.

The married dad-of-three said: "I saw the CCTV car park on double yellow lines oppo-

site the Corn Exchange in Rochester so the driver could use the public toilets. I just wonder if he is authorised to stop where he likes and get out.

"It does seem to be there is one rule for the likes of us, and another rule for them.

"This car is used to photograph drivers who illegally park, which I suppose is fair enough if they were somewhere where they shouldn't be.

"But that can't make it right for the driver to do it himself when he is taking care of something personal.

"Two more daft aspects of this is that there is a car park just yards from where he parked, and there was someone else in the car.

"Surely they should be able to go round the block and pick up the driver again rather than park on double yellows blocking the road for everyone else."

A council spokesman said its staff were "observing" a red van that was parked on double yellow lines, and was not parked specifically for the member of staff to use the toilet.

The spokesman said: "Our staff are under strict instructions to always park in a safe

place while carrying out enforcement work, unless there is nowhere else for them to park.

"Staff are reminded about safe parking and driving practices while using the mobile CCTV car, and also parking safely and considerately while taking breaks.

"We take road safety very seriously and expect our staff to set the same standard and example to members of the public."



Picture: DAVE STEPHENSON

ILLEGAL PARKING: The driver of the CCTV car left the vehicle on double yellow lines while he popped to the toilet

Taxpayer millions 'should not have been put at risk'

THE AUDIT Commission has officially removed the word 'negligently' from its report on councils that invested taxpayers' money in Icelandic banks – but only under threat of legal action from County Hall, **writes Jenna Pudelek.**

However, the watchdog said it maintained "serious criticism" of seven local authorities, including Kent County Council, that made deposits in Icelandic banks after news broke that the banks were in serious trouble.

The watchdog said it has amended its report Risk and Return following the threat of legal action over the wording by KCC and the London Borough of Havering.

Michael O'Higgins, the commission's chairman, said: "It would be an inexplicable waste of public money to seek judicial review of a dispute about the meaning of a single word.

Inappropriate

"The simple fact is that seven authorities, including Kent and Havering, invested in Icelandic banks when they should not have done. These were extraordinary circumstances that called for vigilance. Whether it was through negligence, carelessness or following an inappropriate policy, millions of pounds of public money was put at risk when it should not have been."

KCC has £50m of taxpayers' money frozen in three Icelandic banks, Heritable, Glitnir and Landsbanki.

The authority was recently advised by the Chartered Institute of Public Finance and Accountancy that it is likely to get more than 90 per cent of its total investments returned.

However, the Audit Commission had described KCC as acting "negligently" by investing £8.3m in Iceland after a warning that one bank's credit rating had fallen below acceptable levels.

After the commission officially retracted the wording on Thursday, Cllr Paul Carter, KCC's leader elect said: "123 local authorities had deposits in Iceland, as well as the Audit Commission itself.

"We all need to learn the lessons from the past 18 months, the first being that credit ratings can't necessarily be relied on.

"It's time we stopped all this carping and got on with making the best recovery possible. We are encouraged by progress to date."

In a statement, the commission said any council investing public funds should have "carefully monitored" the growing crisis in the global financial markets in September last year.

After the collapse of Lehman Brothers and numerous other banks on both sides of the Atlantic on September 29, the Icelandic government partly nationalised Glitnir Bank and all main Icelandic banks' credit ratings were downgraded the next day. The commission noted this financial turmoil in Iceland was widely reported in media ranging from the Sun to the Financial Times.

"In these circumstances, local authorities should have exercised particular caution when making investments. Arrangements for new or renewed deposits should not have been made in Icelandic banks in October," the commission said.

The rewritten report has the word "negligently" removed but maintains councils failed to take "responsible steps to ensure they were using up to date information".

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Environment Agency chairman Lord Smith confident technology is key to meeting

Coal-fired station will be

THE Environment Agency chairman is certain that as yet unproven carbon capture technology will be developed and more coal-fired power stations will be built in the UK.

Lord Smith of Finsbury said he was confident in the ability of energy companies to develop carbon capture and storage technology.

He said he was against plans for new coal-fired power plants, such as the one planned for Kingsnorth in Medway, unless the technology was in place to prevent harmful gases being pumped into the atmosphere.

He told Kent on Sunday: "I've said right from the outset that having unabated coal is environ-

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mentally unsustainable. In future we should only be going ahead with new coal if carbon capture and storage (CCS) is part of the process."

He said he welcomed Energy Secretary Ed Miliband's announcement in April that companies would have to demonstrate carbon capture to a certain capacity for new coal plants to be given the go-ahead.

Rocket science

The Government's coal consultation opened last Wednesday and after it has finished in September, four sites will be chosen for commercial scale CCS demonstrations.

It is predicted that by 2020, CCS will have been proven and all four plants will have to retrofit the technology to capture 90 per cent of emissions.

However, environmentalists believe new coal power stations should not go ahead unless they can already capture all their emissions.

Lord Smith said: "I'm very confident that CCS will prove to work. It's not rocket science – we know how the technology works."

"The issues are about the scale on which it is operating and getting the engineering right."

"These are the issues that need to be sorted out through the demonstrations rather than the basic principles. It is already proven to work."

Energy giant E.ON, which wants to build a new coal-fired power station at Kingsnorth, has announced it has already chosen two engi-

neering companies to join its bid to be one of the four demonstration sites for CCS.

Dr Paul Golby, chief executive of the company, said MHI and Foster Wheeler Energy had been selected.

"We've already made a commitment to fit capture technology to the proposed new units at Kingsnorth, dependant on the outcome of the consultation."

"But that also relies upon us being granted approval to go ahead with the project," he said.

On Monday, Greenpeace activists protested over E.ON's plans for the Hoo Peninsula site by intercepting a coal vessel heading for the power station's dock.

Dirtiest

The stand-off between four of the protestors, who managed to climb up the foremast, and the police ended after an injunction was served on Tuesday.

Activist Sarah Shoraka said: "Mr Miliband's new policies would still allow E.ON to build the dirtiest new power station in Britain for 30 years."

Greenpeace said the Government's new policy on clean coal would still allow three-quarters of the power plant's emissions to be pumped out, which equalled six million tonnes of CO2 every year.

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LISTENING: Lord Smith talks to agency staff during his visit to Kent

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JOAN RUDDOCK, the UK's climate change minister, tells Kent on Sunday readers why what happens in Copenhagen could be crucial for the future of the county



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Last week, the Government published predictions of our future climate by Met Office experts. For the first time, the data is detailed enough to show us what the 2080s could be like in Kent. Temperatures on the hottest day of the year could rise by 10C above averages seen in the late 20th century. Rainfall on the wettest day could increase by 45 per cent. Living conditions for our grandchildren could be unbearable, with more flooding, heatwaves and droughts.

Elsewhere, things could be worse. Millions could be forced out of their own countries because it is too hot or flooded. More people could be at risk from diseases such as malaria; and a third of known species could be at increased risk of extinction. That's if we do nothing, if we keep wasting energy and pumping gases into the air.

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UK's climate change commitments in the run-up to UN's Copenhagen conference built, says Lord

IT IS "essential" to defend Romney Marsh against flooding, Environment Agency chairman Lord Smith said as he renewed his warning that not every inch of Britain's coastline could be protected from rising sea levels due to climate change and erosion.

The former culture secretary was in Kent to view work on the second phase of a sea defence project at Dymchurch, which is costing £60 million and due to be completed in 2011.

As one of the 1,700 concrete stepped units was hoisted into position, he told Kent on Sunday: "The defence is stretching round the whole coast from Folkestone all the way to Cliff End [East Sussex].

"It protects a large area of Romney Marsh and also properties and thousands of people in an area where there is a lot of economic and agricultural activity. This is a special part of the south coast. It is also an important holiday destination. If proper defences were not in place we would be at risk of losing the whole marsh."

Shepway is one of 10 areas in the country with the highest number of properties at significant risk of flooding. A new report by the Environment Agency found more than 9,000 properties were in danger and that number could rise. In the report, Flooding In England, researchers found that across the South East 111,356 homes were at risk. Lord Smith has said that Britain



NEXT STEP: Lord Smith sees the work in progress on the Kent coast

faces tough choices over which coasts to defend and which to leave to the sea.

"You are not going to be able to defend every inch with sea levels rising due to climate change and erosion. It would cost billions," he said.

At risk

"But there are many parts of the coast which are essential to defend, where properties are at stake and lives are at risk. That is certainly the case at Romney Marsh."

At the launch of the flood risk report last Friday, the agency said that for a basic level of protection it would be necessary to invest £20 billion over the next 25 years on flood defences nation-

ally. Talking about the cost of the Dymchurch defences, Lord Smith said: "The cost of this portion of the work is £30 million. The total cost of protecting Romney Marsh is going to be £100m. It is an investment absolutely worth making."

Pointing out a row of houses below the promenade and construction site, he said: "These are below sea level. If we did not have defences here we would already be facing flooding hundreds of yards inland."

Andrew Pearce, the agency's area manager for Kent, said the sea defence programme to protect the whole of Romney Marsh would take a decade to complete and should last 100 years.

End delays, Tories urge

THE Conservatives have accused the Government of not making enough progress on flood protection schemes.

Shadow environment secretary Nick Herbert said two years on from the floods of 2007, some families were still not back in their homes and urgent measures to improve Britain's ability to cope with a flooding emergency have been delayed.

He said: "Far from making progress on flood defence as they claim, the Government's record is one of delay and overspend."

More than half of the recommendations made after an investigation into the 2007 flooding have been delayed, the Tories claim.

The party said overspends due to projects overrunning totalled almost £14m.

the United Nations to find a solution. With less than six months to go, the Government is publishing The Road to Copenhagen.

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CONVICTED: (l-r) Ringleader Henry Dunn, Toni Rendle, John Dunn, Tom 'Tucker' Dunn, Matthew Dunn, Aaron Hand, Mark Eastwood, Sammy Powell, Jimmy Powell and David Dutton

End at last to gang's crime spree

By **JENNA PUDELEK**

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THE ringleader of a prolific organised crime gang is one of 10 people sentenced for a series of robberies and ATM attacks across Kent, Essex and south east London.

Henry Dunn, 27, unemployed from Barnfield caravan site, Ash, near near Brands Hatch, was sentenced to six years in prison for theft and burglary and given three years, to run concurrently, for metal theft, at Maidstone Crown Court on Friday.

Kent Police said a major organised crime gang had been dismantled following the sentencing and the people of Kent were much safer as a result.

Det Sgt Rob Haines, of the force's serious organised crime unit, said: "While people were sleeping in their beds at night, these criminals were out and about committing crimes.

"Money was their motivation but their greed couldn't match Kent Police's commitment to pursuing serious criminals and bringing them to justice."

Dunn's series of offences included the theft of £110,000 in cash and property, and causing £191,000 of damage.



WRECKAGE: Gang carried out numerous ATM attacks among other offences

The two-and-a-half-year investigation into the gang's activities involved crime, intelligence and surveillance officers from covert support, the Force Intelligence Bureau, Tactical Support Group and local policing areas.

Toni Rendell, 26, unemployed of Farm Holt, New Ash Green and the common law partner of the ringleader Dunn, pleaded guilty to a fraud offence relating to a false insurance claim she made relating to a car accident involving her partner. She was sentenced to 100 hours' unpaid work and ordered to pay £500 compensation.

John Dunn, 25, unemployed of Shamrock

Road, Gravesend, was jailed for three years for theft of £30,000 of copper cabling. The sentence will run concurrently with a one-year term for stealing an HGV.

He received a suspended sentence and unpaid work for stealing metal cable after he was found guilty by a jury at Maidstone Crown Court.

Tom 'Tucker' Dunn, 23, unemployed of South Ash Road, Sevenoaks, was found guilty and sentenced to two-and-a-half years for stealing £30,000 of copper cable.

Matthew Dunn, 19, unemployed of South Ash Road, Sevenoaks, was found guilty and ordered

to serve two years at a young offenders' institute for the copper theft and six months in jail to run concurrently for stealing an HGV.

Aaron Hand, 29, of Ingress Gardens in Greenhithe, was sentenced to 12 months in jail, suspended for 18 months, and 150 hours of unpaid work after pleading guilty to conspiracy to steal.

Mark Eastwood, 36, unemployed from Hill Rise, Darenth, received the same sentence, also for conspiracy to steal.

Sammy Powell, 23, unemployed from Star Lane Caravan Site, Orpington, was given three months in jail to follow his current term of imprisonment for manslaughter after he pleaded guilty to conspiracy to steal.

Jimmy Powell, 25, unemployed from Star Lane Caravan Site, Orpington, was also sentenced to three months to follow his current term of imprisonment for manslaughter.

Hand, Eastwood and the Powells were also ordered to pay £500 in compensation.

David Dutton, 35, a scrap metal merchant of Wellington Road in Epping, Essex, pleaded guilty to handling stolen goods. He was given two community orders of 80 hours' unpaid work to run concurrently. He also must pay prosecution costs of £656.

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Recession and high oil prices fuel theft

By **JENNA PUDELEK**

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THE ECONOMIC downturn coupled with soaring oil prices led to record levels of fuel theft in 2008, according to Kent Police.

New figures show incidents of motorists driving off without paying for their petrol, or stealing fuel by siphoning it from the pumps, have increased by 14 per cent last year.

In July, 2008, the price of oil hit an all-time peak at nearly \$150 a barrel. Now the figure is around \$70, but economic commentators say prices are expected to increase further this year.

A police spokesman told Kent on Sunday: "The 2007 fuel theft figures do not vary much from the foregoing years. We believe those for 2008 are higher due to the effects of the rise in fuel prices during the year, aggravated by the economic downturn."

In response to increases in fuel theft across the county, a campaign has been launched to tackle forecourt crime.

The spokesman said the force was unable to speculate whether further increases in oil prices would lead to rises in petrol theft.

Police statistics show there were 2,492 fuel thefts in 2008, with north Kent hit with the most incidents at 738. In 2007, there were 2,181 fuel thefts and north Kent was again the worst hit area with 549 incidents.

Fuel thefts cost the UK petrol industry £30 million a year. In

response to the increase in Kent, police have launched an initiative to tackle the problem – Forecourt Watch.

As part of the initiative to drive down fuel theft, officers will visit the county's 300 petrol stations to distribute crime prevention posters, pump stickers and a newsletter highlighting the number plates of vehicles involved in forecourt crime.

Investigations into the problem have revealed that the offences are often linked to other vehicle crime such as number plate theft, police said.

Chief Insp Lee Russell, head of partnerships and crime reduction, said: "Kent Police is working closely with the British Oil Security Syndicate (BOSS) to reduce petrol thefts and make service station forecourts safer."

Criminals

"Occasionally people genuinely forget to pay for petrol, or forget their purse. However, most non-payments are by criminals using stolen vehicles or stolen number plates."

"The north Kent pilot [of this campaign] was really successful and saw a huge reduction in petrol thefts. We hope to replicate this success across the county."

In north Kent the pilot slashed petrol thefts by 38 per cent.

Kevin Eastwood, executive director of BOSS, an independent trade organisation that campaigns to reduce forecourt crime, said: "By building successful partnerships with police, petrol retailers and other agencies through initiatives such as Forecourt Watch, we are able to deter and prevent crime."



ACTION: Police are clamping down on the number of people who drive off without paying for their fuel with forecourt visits and increased publicity

Raided bookies offers reward for information

THE owners of a betting shop in Maidstone which was targeted by robbers are offering a reward in exchange for information or the recovery of the stolen cash.

Jennings Bookmakers, in Parkwood Parade, was robbed by two men at 10.15am, on Sunday, June 14.

The robbers entered the shop and assaulted a staff member, before taking money from the safe and fleeing out of the back entrance.

Two men, aged 34 and 42, were arrested in connection with the robbery but have been bailed by the police to allow further investigation.

A reward is now being offered in a bid for information which leads to the conviction of the offenders, or the return of the stolen money.

Anyone with information about the robbery can contact PS Darren Ryder at Maidstone Crime Group on 01622 604266 or Kent Crimestoppers, anonymously, on 0800 555111.

Securitas suspect avoids extradition

POLICE have failed to get a suspect in the £53 million Securitas robbery extradited from Morocco.

Lee Murray, a cagefighter police have accused of being one of the ringleaders in the raid on the Tonbridge depot, was ruled to be a Moroccan citizen by a court in the north African country on Wednesday.

A spokesman for Kent Police said: "Lee Murray was deemed to be Moroccan and therefore cannot be extradited to this country. As planned, Kent Police is now working with the Moroccan police on this inquiry."

Murray, of Sidcup, is charged with conspiracy to rob, conspiracy to kidnap and conspiracy to possess firearms.

Police launched extradition proceedings in the hope of him standing trial in the UK.

Last year, five members of the gang were convicted and jailed for their part in the UK's biggest

ever cash heist. The 2006 robbery at the Securitas depot in Tonbridge saw manager Colin Dixon and his family kidnapped at gunpoint by men impersonating police officers.

Police have since recovered around £20 million of the cash, but millions more remains unaccounted for.

Gang members convicted last year were found guilty of kidnap, robbery and firearms charges. Stuart Royal, 49, from Maidstone, Jetmir Bucpapa, 26, from Tonbridge, Roger Coutts, 30, of Welling in south east London and Lea Rusha, 35, from Southborough, were given indefinite sentences and ordered to serve a minimum of 15 years.

Emir Hysenaj, 28, from Crowborough in East Sussex, was sentenced to 20 years in jail and told he would serve a minimum of 10.

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IN NEED OF ATTENTION: Clockwise from left: the precincts of Canterbury Cathedral, Cooling Castle owned by Jools Holland, Mote House, Martell Tower, and Western Heights

MUSICIAN and Later presenter Jools Holland said he is spending a fortune on his historic castle home in Medway – but it has still appeared on a heritage list saying it's in "very bad" condition.

English Heritage has published its latest list of 1,000 listed buildings in the UK which are in need of some attention, but it's not all bad news for Kent.

The late Tory MP Alan Clark owned another well-known castle, and has now been taken off the risk list. Mr Clark, who died in 1999, lived at Saltwood Castle, near Hythe.

The hard-living fan of fast cars and faster

By **CHRIS MURPHY**
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women, apparently let the fabric of the building fall into a state of disrepair. But now English Heritage has praised his widow Jane for sorting many of the more serious problems.

English Heritage said: "A year after waking up to headlines suggesting she had allowed Saltwood Castle to crumble, Jane Clark has succeeded in having it taken off the 'at risk' list. The victory, she believes, would have prompted her late husband to uncork a bottle of his beloved Château d'Yquem 1967."

The medieval fortress is Grade-I listed and a Scheduled Ancient Monument that has suf-

Holland's home on heritage risk list



fered at the hands of gales and the death watch beetle.

Now English Heritage is more worried about another Kent castle.

Cooling Castle is a 14th century building, but much of it is in ruins. Holland said it would cost too much to restore all of it, but he is doing what he can to conserve it.

The Heritage organisation said the castle is in "very bad" condition and in need of 'A' list priority attention in its new Heritage at Risk register. Holland said he was spending £100,000 over the next seven years to safeguard what's left of the castle.

He told The Times: "I love the building but you could never restore it – not even if you were a Russian oligarch. So what we're doing

is consolidation. We've already restored some collapsed walls.

"It's not open to the public and I'm surprised we're on the register, but I have no quarrel with it. The register is a great thing and reminds us of the great heritage we have and must look after."

In Margate, the Dreamland Cinema has for the first time been identified as at risk. The cinema is seen as one of the most important 20th century additions to Margate's seafront, one of Britain's oldest seaside resorts.

The register now also lists conservation areas at risk, with many in Kent.

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The register also lists parks, gardens, monuments, battlefields and shipwrecks which need improvements.

Simon Thurley, chief executive at English Heritage, said: "Our register is not about nam-

ing and shaming but about drawing attention to problems. We are not being vicious. We ourselves own 10 buildings at risk on the register and 73 scheduled monuments."

Among the 78 buildings at risk in Kent is the Monuments in the precinct of Canterbury Cathedral. The Western Heights fortifications at Castle Hill, Dover, are rated as poor. And the Dairy, at Cobham Hall is in fair condition, but "awaiting completion of works".

St Andrews Chapel in Boarley Lane, Boxley, is a late 15th century chapel which is empty and suffering vandalism.

Mote House in Maidstone, dating back to 1793, is also fair, and was recently used as an old people's home and is currently undergoing repair and conversion for retirement housing.

The ruined gateway to the College of All Saints in Mill Street, Maidstone, is in poor condition with structural cracking.

Martell Tower number nine at Sandgate, dating from 1806, is very bad. The preservation of archaeological and historical significance will be the main consideration in assessing plans to convert the towers for residential use, the organisation said.

The former Medway Ports Authority Offices at Sheerness, dating from 1839 is fair but has a growing maintenance problem.

Shepway council said it was carrying out appraisals of 14 of the 21 conservation areas in the district: "We value the contribution these areas make to the character of our district and do our best to maintain and enhance them."

Dartford Council said there were proposals for the town centre "currently at the planning stage with Government, the outcome of which is due to be known early autumn."

Maidstone council's conservation team has conducted a census of its 41 conservation areas.

A spokesman said: "The results revealed that in many respects the borough's conservation areas are in good health, with few problems of building dereliction or disuse."

"The greatest threat to character which emerged was the damage caused to unlisted houses by alterations carried out under permitted development rights where no planning permission was needed – such things as UPVC windows and doors, and changes of roofing materials."

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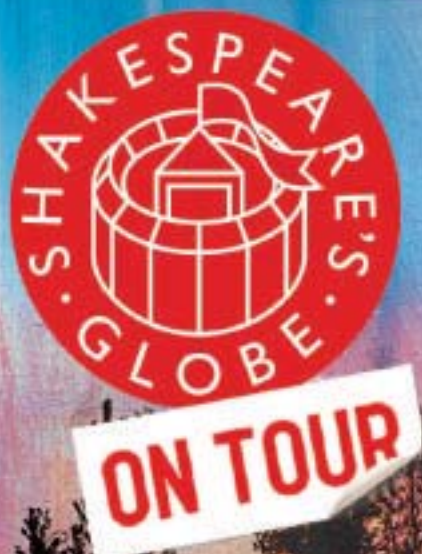
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By **SIMON ROBINSON**

TWO ram-raiders have been sentenced for their part in a series of JCB cash machine attacks across Kent.

Tony Clive Hart, 22, from Ashford, and Jon Leonard Cloke, 23, from Gravesend, pleaded guilty at Maidstone Crown Court to charges of conspiracy to burgle and the theft of multiple vehicles and JCBs.

The court heard how the pair targeted an Asda superstore in Greenhithe, Natwest bank in Larkfield and a Tesco superstore in Rainham, between June and October, 2008.

Two other men are believed to have aided Hart and Cloke in the ram-raids.

Hart was sentenced to six years and six months, while Cloke received five years and nine months.

Sentencing, Judge Philip St John-Stevens said the pair were "part of an organised group that targeted ATMs and their contents. These crimes constituted serious offences".

Hart and Cloke become the 14th and 15th ram-raiders to be convicted following Kent police's Serious and Organised Crime

Pair are jailed after series of JCB attacks on cash machines

Unit's two-and-a-half year investigation into criminal gangs.

Det Insp Tom Richards of the SOCU said: "These two men are the latest in a string of

offenders who have been brought to justice thanks to the tireless and diligent work of the unit.

"We have been able to disrupt organised



SENTENCED: Jon Cloke (left) and Tony Hart

criminal gangs across the county over the past two years.

"Those 13 men are now joined by Jon Leonard Cloke and Tony Clive Hart. In total, all the men have been sentenced to a total of 99 years and three months imprisonment.

"The success SOCU has achieved has taken dangerous and determined criminals off Kent's streets and is testament to the hard work and dedication of SOCU officers.

"Organised crime gangs create havoc and fear in communities where they operate. They target vulnerable individuals and greatly affect people's safety and quality of life."

Gurkhas are pick of the crop for Thanet Earth guard duty

BRITAIN'S largest greenhouse complex is being guarded by some of the world's fiercest fighters, writes **Chris Murphy**.

Thanet Earth is under the 24-hour protection of retired Gurkhas, many of whom have set up home in the county.

Now they are being used to keep vandals and thieves out of the enormous site that is the size of 80 football pitches, and grows some 1.3 million plants.

Its crops include tomatoes, cucumbers and peppers, which are grown using hydroponics and are set to give a 15 per cent boost to the country's salad industry.

The security contract went to G4S Gurkha Services which is part of G4S Secure Solutions, a major player in the security business.

The company said it is an example of G4S's ability to use its specialist resources to provide a rapid response to meet its customers' requirements.

In this instance, G4S was able to provide trained, licensed security officers on the Thanet Earth site the day after the request for security officers was made.

Thanet Earth managing director Steve McVickers said: "We were impressed by the Gurkha officers who were guarding a site nearby and recognise the skills they will bring to securing our unique premises.

"A number of

Gurkha women also work at Thanet Earth; we have enormous respect for the Gurkha culture and values."

And John Whitwam, boss of G4S Gurkha Services added: "As the largest employer of former British Army Gurkhas in the UK, we use a unique, military management structure.

"We have a proven ability to provide a high level of security at short notice, and are able to relocate officers to start a two-week trial the very next day."

Now dozens of the battle-hardened men are keeping a close vigil at Thanet Earth.

The security company said they carefully sourced the soldiers, and added: "Gurkhas provide reliable, unobtrusive security cover."

It is more good news for the famous fighting men from Nepal - with the help of actress Joanna Lumley, they won the right to live and work in Britain after putting their lives at risk in numerous warzones on behalf of this country.

There are Gurkha soldiers based in Folkestone and Maidstone.

In recent years, Gurkhas have served in Bosnia, Kosovo, Iraq and Afghanistan. The men have won 13 Victoria Crosses awarded for gallantry by the British government.

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ON COURT: Jessica is ideal for her job having been a junior tennis player

By **CHRIS MURPHY**
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EVER wondered how Wimbledon commentators know so much about the particular game they are watching?

All those statistics about the number of aces, double faults and a myriad of other startling facts are compiled by a team of data entry staff, and this year graduate and keen tennis player Jessica Weeks, from Beckenham, is one of those vital backroom operatives.

The 21-year-old was chosen by computer giant IBM to join around 40 others in its team at this year's Wimbledon Championships.

They have to analyse every single shot played by Andy Murray and the rest of the stars during around 600 matches for the two weeks of the championships.

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"I am so proud to be a part of this fantastic service provided by IBM at Wimbledon."

During her studies, she competed on a four-year tennis scholarship at CSULB, the women's division one American collegiate system, as well as playing for the Kent tennis team outside of term time.

And if she gets peckish, there are plenty of 'green' strawberries on hand too that have been produced using water-saving techniques developed in Kent.

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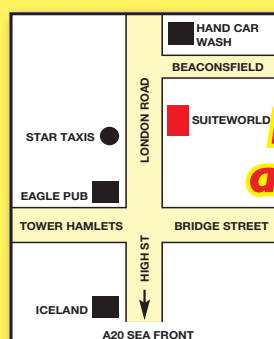
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Healing power of literature gives survivors a voice during Refugee Week event

By **JENNA PUDELEK**

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A **RENOWNED** Kurdish poet has spoken about the healing power of the arts for survivors of violence and conflict.

Dr Choman Hardi, who was born in Kurdistan and raised in Iraq and Iran, gave a reading of her celebrated work at a writers' workshop and performance poetry event for Refugee Week in Canterbury.



WORD POWER:
Dr Choman Hardi

After coming to the UK in 1993 she studied at Queen's College Oxford, University College London and the University of Kent, where she carried out PhD work on the mental health of women refugees.

"For anyone as a means of expression, any sort of writing or art can be therapeutic," she said.

"It is the best way of expressing your feelings. Poetry workshops are done all over the world for people who have experienced conflict and violence, to find a way of dealing with it and expressing themselves."

Her family were forced to leave their homeland in 1988 because of the Anfal campaign led by Saddam Hussein's Iraqi regime and headed by Ali Hassan al-Majid – known as 'Chemical Ali' – who has since been sentenced to death for the atrocities.

Dr Hardi said she was preparing an academic book based on interviews with those widowed during the genocide campaign, which saw 182,000 civilians shot and buried in mass graves, 4,000 Kurdish villages destroyed and the extensive use of chemical weapons.

Onslaught

An estimated 50,000 women were widowed by the onslaught. She said: "The social structure changed without any support. These women had to raise their children alone. Many of them still live in sub-standard housing and in great poverty."

Refugee Week ran from June 14-20 and about 30 people – including refugees living in the county – took part in the poetry day, held to mark the end of the campaign which was organised by the Kent Refugee Help charity.

The week celebrated the contribution refugees make to the UK and encouraged greater understanding between communities. Hubert Moore, a former head of English at Cranbrook School, led the writers' workshop. He has been volunteering for the Medical Foundation for the Care of Victims of Torture for nine years.

At the foundation he works as a writing mentor for a group of six survivors of torture from around the world.

He said: "To pass something from your head onto a page, then to work on it on the page, gives you control over what has happened to you. It can do lots – although it doesn't always work – and I've seen it help marvellously."

Two people from his group, a woman from Sudan and a man from Uganda, took part in last weekend's event, which was called Frontiers.

"Very, very few clients choose to use writing to help them come to terms with what is happening to them. It can be a way of bringing them to life," Mr Moore said.

"These two use writing to be able to look back at what happened and go on living. They do not always write about prison or torture. Both write very cheerfully sometimes – and humorously."

During an open mic session at the end, Kate Adams of Kent Refugee Help, which supports inmates at Dover's immigration detention centre and campaigns to end the

indefinite detention of asylum seekers, read out her poem, Salaam Alaykum.

"My poem is about someone who became so ill in detention he stopped talking," she said.

"He was taken from Dover to a London detention centre and segregated. Finally, with a court order, we got him into a psychiatric hospital."

"Salaam Alaykum – peace be upon you – was his message to fellow detainees in Dover who had joined me in writing to him as a way of letting him know we still cared. I had never before had a client who became mute and it was wonderful to hear his voice again."



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Ombudsman backs city council over gay dispute

By JENNA PUDELEK

THE GAY-friendly credentials of a local authority have been officially upheld after a long-running dispute with homosexual campaigners.

Pride in Canterbury accused the city council of ignoring the needs of lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender (LGBT) people and took its complaint to the Local Government Ombudsman (LGO).

After the protest, which was made in April, the ombudsman has announced she will not be pursuing the allegations any further.

A pleased Colin Carmichael, Canterbury City Council's chief executive, said: "We have always refuted suggestions that the council doesn't engage with the LGBT community and I'm delighted the ombudsman agrees the argument is groundless."

Importance

"Such allegations have been particularly disappointing in light of the past funding we have secured for Pride in Canterbury and our holding of a gay open day in the council offices on one Saturday last year."

Pride in Canterbury's original complaint hit the headlines nationally and prominent gay rights campaigner and Labour peer Lord Waheed Alli waded into the dispute.

The pride group, which is chaired by Andrew Brettell, called on the council to provide an LGBT community drop-in centre, a



NO GO: Canterbury council were accused of not doing enough for the gay community

gay bar and put forward the potential for 'pink tourism' and the importance of regular LGBT culture in the city.

But in the wake of the publicity over the city

being 'anti-gay', it was announced that CO2, Canterbury's first gay bar, was to open at the site of the former lap-dancing club Scribes.

Launched on June 5, the nightclub promises drag artists, tribute acts, DJs and camp bingo.

Lord Alli's office, specifically his political advisor Theo Grzegorzcyk, had picked up on part of the ombudsman's response that stated the council has no statutory duty to promote LGBT culture.

He said the Equality Bill currently being considered by Parliament would mean councils would have a statutory duty to engage with all members of their communities.

But the council had argued that regardless of statutory duty, it had anyway been working with the pride organisation and others.

Conclusion

A letter to Pride in Canterbury from ombudsman Christine Kane said: "I see from information provided by the council that it has given your organisation funding in past years."

"It has invited you to provide details of touring plays and musicals, for example, which would be of interest to the LGBT community."

"I see no reason, therefore, for the council to keep revisiting complaints that have been properly considered simply because you are unhappy with the outcome."

Mr Carmichael added: "We hope the ombudsman's conclusion draws a line under this particular episode. We will however, continue to work closely with the local LGBT community in identifying particular needs and concerns and offering help whenever possible."

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Beaten senseless in his own home

A PENSIONER has been left with a broken nose, cuts and bruises after he was attacked during a burglary at his home.

Detectives said the 67-year-old, who lives alone in Paddock Wood, was threatened with a kitchen knife during the attack at around 2.30am on Saturday, June 20.

The two thugs knocked at his front door and he opened it believing it was his son. Police said the attackers pushed past him and demanded he hand over money.

They were unable to find any cash and left only with the man's cigarettes.

Police said it was possible his attackers knew that he was responsible for collecting the Christmas Club money from members of a local group.

Det Con Neil Martin said: "The only reason for this attack that we can think of is that the two men believed there was Christmas Club money kept there.

"The victim was extremely brave in standing up to these two thugs and refusing to say whether there was any money in the house.

"If anyone has any information about who



VICIOUS ATTACK: The 67-year-old was beaten by two men in his own home

might be responsible for this very nasty attack I would ask them to please call police."

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Kids' miles of support from actor

EASTENDERS star Scott Maslen has pledged his support to Kent Kids Miles of Smiles charity for sick and disabled children and young people, based in Canterbury.

The actor, famous for his roles as Phil Hunter in the Bill and at present in EastEnders as Jack Branning, has agreed to become the face of the charity, and will announce his role as patron at the charity's annual music festival on Sunday, July 26.

He said "I'm really very honoured to be associated with the charity, they're doing such wonderful work on such a small amount of money."

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Lack of time and promotion are lessons learned from costly repatriation project

£1m asylum scheme fiasco 'not a failure' says charity

By **JENNA PUDELEK**

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A CHARITY has defended a £1 million pilot project to help failed asylum seekers and their families return to their homelands – despite just one family leaving the UK.

Roy Millard is deputy chief executive of Migrant Helpline, which ran the Government-funded scheme at the Millbank centre in Ashford that aimed to reduce the number of children locked up in immigration detention centres.

In a highly critical report by the Children's Society, the pilot, which ran from November, 2007, until October, 2008, was labelled a "missed opportunity" and "flawed".

Mr Millard reflected on the scheme, which was co-run by the UK Border Agency (UKBA), that aimed to help 260 families – but dealt with just 13 and resulted in only one family returning to their country of origin.

"We were happy to play a part in developing a pilot to provide material to plan a new system for the UK, which does not rely on the blunt instrument of imprisonment," he said.

"The pilot started to test things and provide useful information.

Lack of awareness

"Unfortunately that never really happened properly because not enough people went through it to test the model."

He said simply focusing on the fact the project cost £1m and only one family left the UK was not seeing the whole picture.

The Children's Society said around 2,000 children, including many who have fled horrific situations, are locked up in immigration detention centres each year.

Mr Millard said: "The pilot was to enable an alternative to children and families being put in prison. These people have not committed a crime, they have only claimed asylum and their claims were refused.

"The ill effects of being detained, on mental and physical health, especially on children, are very well documented."

In its report, the Children's Society found the criteria for finding families was confused, referrals to the pilot were slow (the first family did not arrive until January, 2008, three months after the scheme began), there was limited awareness of the pilot among UKBA staff and some of the families referred were unsuitable.

Mr Millard said: "If the pilot had worked and had the numbers coming through we would have had a much more humane, effective and economically efficient model to role out."

He said keeping a family in detention costs an estimated £20,000 a year and the alternative offered at Millbank was around a quarter of that.

"Our reaction is that we should not stop looking for alternatives," he said. "It should have worked better and promotion of the project was key.

"UKBA is a big agency, I'm not going to criticise them but they had to get messages out right away and it did take some time to do that. You have to go out and promote it and they did acknowledge that after a couple of months."

The report spoke about a climate of fear at Millbank. One family had come straight from Yarl's Wood detention centre and were an emo-

tional state and distrustful of the authorities. Rumours circulated about enforced removal. It noted that Migrant Helpline, which is based in Dover, was not allowed to visit families before they were moved to Millbank.

The families were coerced into taking part in the pilot for fear of destitution if they did not, the report said.

Families had to share rooms at the centre and one father told the Children's Society that he went outside to cry in the corridor so as not to distress his children.

The charity said it had carried out the report to provide an alternative to the UKBA's assertion that it failed because families absconded.

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MISSED: PC Phillip Pratt pictured in May at his sister's wedding. He was killed on duty

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PC Phillip Pratt was killed while he was directing traffic with a fellow officer following an accident on the Maidstone-bound carriageway of the A249 on June 14.

The 26-year-old was hit by a grey Peugeot 206 at around 8am as he was putting cones in place to divert vehicles off the A249 Sheppey-bound junction with the slip road on to the A2.

Kent Police's Serious Collision Investigation Unit (SCIU) is investigating the incident and has appealed for anyone in the area at the time to get in touch.

His parents, Ted and Chris, sister Julia and fiancée Debbie O'Neill, said he was a big-hearted man who gave 100 per cent to everything he did.

Mrs Pratt said: "Some people make a mark on the world by the way they live and the difference they make to those whose lives they touch – Phill was just such a person.

"He was a larger than life character."

Overwhelmed

PC Pratt was a well-respected officer who worked as a special constable and a police staff employee within the Force Communications Centre (FCC) before becoming a regular officer.

Chief Insp Tony Henley, the borough commander for Swale, said: "He was an enthusiastic and popular member of the Mid Kent policing team and there has been an immense feeling of loss and great sadness about his death, not only in his station, Sheerness, but within Kent Police and the national policing family."

He met his fiancée Ms O'Neill six-and-a-half years ago while they were both working with the FCC.

She said: "Phill had a very naughty sense of humour and was well-known for his pranks. One of the biggest parts of his personality was his ability to make everybody laugh all the time. He was one of the funniest people I have ever met in my life.

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"There was always a point of each and every day that he would have me laughing so hard that my sides hurt. He was spontaneous and he enjoyed bringing a smile to people's faces."

The family, including Ms O'Neill's sons Danny and Liam, lived in Hempstead.

PC Pratt had been a member of the 1st Minster Boys' Brigade since the age of five. He later became a warrant officer with the brigade along with his father.

Mr Pratt said: "Phill found working with the boys rewarding and he enjoyed passing on his knowledge, whether it was in first aid or communications, whenever his shifts would allow."

He had many hobbies including horse riding, skiing and cooking.

When he was 15 he bought a classic 1977 MGB GT, but never got round to doing it up.

Mr Pratt now intends to restore the car as a tribute to his son.

The family came together in May for his sister Julia's wedding to her fiancé David Lewis at Port Lympne Wild Animal Park near Hythe.

She said: "He died protecting others. We are all very proud of him."

The family added they have been overwhelmed by the cards, letters and flowers they have received and wanted to thank people for their kindness.

Chief Insp Henley added: "This incident is of course particularly pertinent to myself and my colleagues as it involves the tragic loss of one of our officers while on duty."

"It is, however, a fatal road traffic crash and therefore, like any other, it is being fully investigated by the SCIU."

"We need the help of the public to piece together the events leading up to PC Pratt's death and I would ask anyone with information to contact our witness appeal line on 01622 798538."



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Debt survey reveals true cost

WITH the recession continuing, many people in Kent are sinking further into debt, according to a new report, *writes Chris Murphy*.

The popular website confused.com analysed credit card spending around the UK, including several major towns in Kent.

It found debt in the UK is rising, following a close look at 137 areas. Watford residents are the most heavily indebted as the average person owes a staggering 166 per cent of their annual salary, they said.

The researchers discovered Bromley borrowers rely heavily on their flexible friends, with the average outstanding balance at £1,926 and are among the worst in the UK.

Next up for Kent is Tunbridge Wells, followed by Maidstone, Tonbridge, and Dartford, all between £1,500-1,900.

Bromley is again the worst in Kent for owing debt. The researchers found the residents of Tunbridge Wells are next owing 133 per cent of their annual salary, followed by Ashford on 131 per cent, then Maidstone with 130 per cent and Dartford on 126 per cent.

The people of Dartford own the most on loans and hire purchase, with average debts of £2,771, followed by Chatham, Sittingbourne, Maidstone and Ashford, which has an average of £2,424.

Gemma Stanbury, head of savings, loans and debt at confused.com, said a typical resident from Bromley could be paying more than £308 in interest alone every year, but by switching to a zero per cent balance transfer card they could pay no interest, giving them the chance to repay some or all of their outstanding debt.

Author keeps cool as first book predicts flu pandemic

By **JENNA PUDELEK**

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A DEBUT novel by an academic explores our fears of the unknown and has a "creepy" familiarity.

Cold Earth by Dr Sarah Moss, a senior lecturer in English and American literature at the University of Kent, tells the story of a team of archaeologists who travel to the Arctic to find a lost civilisation. But as they are adjusting to their surroundings, news breaks of a flu pandemic.

With the world in the grips of the first global flu pandemic in 41 years, how does the author feel about the almost prophetic nature of her novel?

"That is quite creepy," she said. "But there was always a possibility of a flu pandemic."

Dr Moss, 33, who has written non-fiction works about the history and literature of food and travel, was inspired by a previous disease outbreak.

"I was thinking about the book during the bird flu scare," she said. "It seemed we were all so frightened on the basis of so little, which happens fairly often."

The novel is set in Greenland and the six archaeologists are aiming to uncover the secrets of the lost Viking settlements there.

Dr Moss, who has been fascinated by the Arctic since she was a child, said that even now it remains unclear why the Viking colonies, which developed into farming communities over hundreds of years, disappeared.

"There were several thousand people there but during the plague no-one visited and when they went back the farms were deserted and the animals were running wild."

"Of course, people have been looking for an explanation ever since and when they do it reflects their own fears. In the 19th century



CHILLING: Sarah Moss' book is a novel about a flu pandemic and a Viking mystery

they believed the Inuit people had killed everybody, which was about their fear of the savage. In the early 20th century they thought about plague because at the time there had been the 1918 flu outbreak.

"It was a probably a mixture of things. I'm not an expert on archaeology but there was climate change in Greenland at the time and it got colder. It could be that their lives, which were barely sustainable, became unsustainable. There is another theory that some went to America, which would have been way before Columbus."

In the book the archaeologists lose communication with the world and are stuck among the ruins of the Viking villages, unable to discover the fates of their own families.

"I tried to imagine what it would be like if something happens that feels apocalyptic," she said. "What frightens us? It is not exactly our own deaths and there is no reason to be scared of swine flu more than normal flu."

"There is fear of everything changing."

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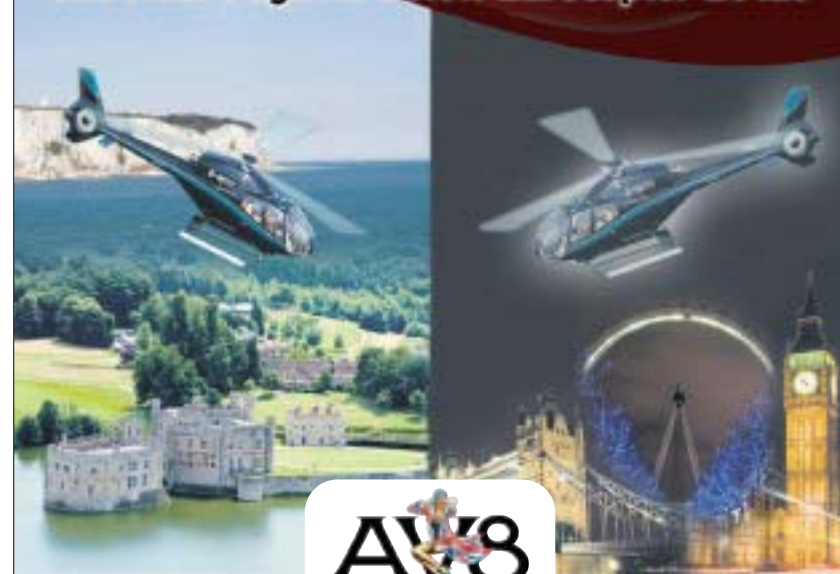
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Rugby star tries to raise support for prostate sufferers

By **STEVE KNIGHT**

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FORMER England rugby star Andy Ripley led a scrum of fellow prostate cancer patients to Parliament to help raise awareness of the disease.

Among those joining the 24-cap hero at the House of Commons last week was Kent resident Kenneth Jeffers, who is working with the Prostate Cancer Charity to highlight the side effects of hormone replacement therapy.

Side effects can include lack of libido, breast swelling and depression, and both he and Ripley are campaigning for patients to be given more information and support.

Mr Jeffers, 64, from Herne near Canterbury, has been receiving hormone replacement therapy for three years.

He said: "Having prostate cancer and going through hormone therapy is an emotional and frightening experience, and it was made even worse by the lack of support I received.

"I felt I wasn't given enough information to understand what was happening to me. The most I did get was through asking questions and doing my own research, which can sometimes make things even more confusing.

"Men need to be told what to expect with hormone therapy and there needs to be some sort of system to help people through. Luckily I had the incredible support of my



MESSAGE: Kenneth Jeffers and Andy Ripley

wife and a good GP to help get me through. However, I know many men aren't as fortunate as I was to have that personal support."

According to the Prostate Cancer Charity, the majority of men who fall ill with prostate cancer are not told about the range of support services to help them cope with the side effects of hormone replacement therapy.

Its report entitled *Hampered by Hormones?* – which Dartford MP and health committee member Dr Howard Stoute has backed in Parliament with an Early Day Motion – calls on the Government to implement changes in the way prostate cancer patients are assessed and cared for.

Head of policy and campaigns Anna Jewell said: "Our findings highlight serious shortcomings in how well the information and support needs of men like Mr Jeffers are understood and are being provided for."

See www.prostate-cancer.org.uk/hormones for more information.

French recognise WWII vet with highest honour

84-year-old 'knighted' in gratitude of liberation

By **NICK AMES**

D-DAY veteran George Batts, from Maidstone, has received the greatest honour France can bestow – one first instituted by Napoleon Bonaparte.

The former Royal Engineer was one of 10 British World War Two heroes who received France's Légion d'honneur for his part in liberating Europe from the Nazis.

The award also recognised his subsequent work with veterans' groups across the UK for whom he has campaigned tirelessly and to great appreciation from their members.

He became what is called in France a 'Chevalier' – or knight – at a special ceremony held in the imposing surroundings of Les Invalides, Paris, earlier this month.

The award to Mr Batts, 84, recognised his part in the events of 65 years ago when Allied troops stormed the beaches of Normandy and drove back the occupying Nazi forces.

The successful assault paved the way for the freeing of Europe and the destruction of Adolf Hitler's Third Reich.

Mr Batts' memories of the historic events remain clear, even though he was just an 18-year-old sapper (Royal Engineers equivalent to private soldier) when they took place and he waded ashore on Gold Beach, the centre beach of the five designated landing areas of the invasion.

"I got on a landing ship in Newhaven on June 4, but the operation was cancelled due to bad weather," he said.

"Eventually we set off and after a short service we scrambled on nets from our ship down into the landing craft.

"Two men in front of me slipped and that was the end of them, sadly.

"The landing craft went for the shore and I think it must have taken about half an hour – but it could have been 10 minutes or even 10 hours.

"When the front of the landing craft went down we were off and I jumped into the water.

"I don't care what anyone else says, I was scared, we all were. No-one knew what we were going to find when we got on to the beach. I was wading through waist-high water and under foot there were depressions and holes caused by shells and bombs and it was hard work."

When Mr Batts reached the shore the firing from the German defenders was intense.

He said: "I looked to get out of the firing line and I can remember so much haze caused by gunfire and broken vehicles everywhere. We were on shore three or so hours after the first troops and it was really a hell of a mess."

As a Royal Engineer, Mr Batts' job was to



Picture: ANNA WHITE

BRAVE: Mr Batts in 1944 and with the Légion d'honneur for his part in the D-Day landings

clear mines from the beach and he later helped to construct the Mulberry Harbour which allowed Allied ships to dock and bring ashore vital supplies.

Parts of it still exists in the water off the French town of Arromanches which saw commemorative parades on June 6 this year.

Such is the town's feeling for the soldiers who liberated France it is known as 'Britishville' to all the locals.

"The Germans planes bombed the harbour, but thankfully without success," George said.

"We were working on it and I think it's fair to say had better conditions than the infantry who went ashore.

"I'll never forget the ambulances coming in with the wounded to be shipped home. I thought, 'There, but for the grace of God go I'.

Atomic bomb

"On a lighter note we also supervised the embarkation of German prisoners bound for PoW camps. We all said why are they getting to England and not us?"

After his work in Normandy, Mr Batts headed north to the Belgian towns of Antwerp and Ghent arriving as the Germans surrendered.

His unit was then sent to the Far East to continue the war against the Japanese, but the two US atomic bomb attacks on Hiroshima and Nagasaki forced the Japanese to surrender.

"Instead of fighting – and it would have resulted in thousands and thousands of dead –

we ended up picking up prisoners from internment camps," Mr Batts, who has worked for veterans' groups for many years, said.

"People can say what they like about dropping the atomic bombs – but they saved an awful lot of Allied lives."

He only received notification that he was to get the award just a few days before the ceremony which took place on June 6.

"It was great honour and bought a lump to my throat," he said. "It was a wonderful occasion and the French looked after us so much we didn't even have to carry our own bags."

The award was made by French Minister of State for Defence and Veterans, Jean-Marie Bockel.

Speaking after the event Peter Hodge, Honorary General Secretary of the Normandy Veterans Association, said: "We are extremely delighted the French authorities have honoured these brave men and women.

"Sixty-five years ago, they risked their lives in one of the biggest military operations ever undertaken. Since then, they have all worked tirelessly with the Normandy Veterans Association to ensure that the events of June 6, 1944, are never forgotten."

Veterans minister Kevan Jones added: "We owe a huge debt of gratitude to the men and women of the Armed Forces who, 65 years ago, risked their lives for freedom.

"I am immensely proud that these British veterans are being decorated with such an honour, in recognition of their great courage."

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HISTORIC VESSEL: Team of apprentices are restoring the Cambria

Barge project to keep shipwright skills alive

THE traditional skills of shipwrights have been given a boost by the introduction of a new apprenticeship run from a quayside.

One of the projects that will benefit from a young trainee is the £1.4 million restoration of the Cambria, which is famed as the last vessel to carry a commercial cargo under sail alone up the River Thames.

Work to repair and restore historically important wooden ships and vessels is carried out by specially trained carpenters called shipwrights. But their numbers are dwindling.

William Collard, project manager at the Cambria Trust, the charity that owns the barge, which was built in Greenhithe in 1906, and is responsible for preserving it, said: "It is difficult to find people with the necessary knowledge and qualification."

The rebuild of the Cambria is being carried out at Standard Quay in Faversham.

Specialist skills needed to pre-

serve wooden boats are being passed on through the new two-year shipwright training scheme run by the National Sea Training Centre, which is part of North West Kent College, and the Cambria Trust.

It is being restored using English oak from sustainable sources.

The barge supplied Kentish produce to London, sailing up and down the Thames until the 1960s and delivering her last load in 1970.

Restoration work, paid for mainly by the Heritage Lottery Fund with support from Swale District Council, began in 2007 and is expected to be finished by 2011.

Mr Collard said the barge was falling apart when it was brought back to Kent from St Katherine Docks in London.

After the restoration is finished, the Cambria will start a new life as a mobile classroom sailing around the Kent and Essex coast visiting schools.

Artists get

Painters beat off thousands of entrants to have work put on display at the massive Royal Academy Summer Exhibition

By **CHRIS MURPHY**
and **RACHEL McATHY**

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EIGHTEEN artists from Kent are among the chosen few from around the UK to have their work on show at the highly prestigious Royal Academy's annual Summer Exhibition in London.

It is the world's largest open submission contemporary show, with a 241-year tradition of showcasing work by unknown and established artists, side by side.

Some 10,000 pieces were forwarded for inclusion and a healthy 18 Kent artists saw their dreams come true.

The Academy said works selected for display encompass a wide range of artistic disciplines including painting, printmaking, photography, sculpture and architecture.

Controversial Margate-born artist Tracey Emin has submitted two artworks this year, the RA said.

One is called Space Monkey in Polymer gravure, which is a special type of photography. It is a limited edition of 300 prints which are being sold for £225 each.

She also submitted an oil called '17, I want it back, that feeling again' which is being sold for £90,000.

Amazed

Simon Turvey, from Orpington, was moved by the collapse of Woolworths. He said: "I've tried many times over the years to get a painting in to the RA Summer Exhibition and often have had my work rejected by the selection committee."

"Thousands of artworks are submitted each year and only a few hundred are accepted. If you are not a Royal Academician, the odds are stacked heavily against having work exhibited."

"So I was amazed to have my painting Woolworths accepted for this year's show. The picture is of an empty shop-front, very much a sign of the times and of a changing world. Apparently, several other artists had a similar idea, but only mine was accepted."

Professional artist Adrienne Blake, 67, from Tunbridge Wells, said: "The theme of this year's RA open is Making Space."

"I have two paintings hanging – one is called Clearing Grannies Attic and the other is Converting."

"I studied graphics and fashion at Bristol. I have taught, worked in



TURNERESQUE: Sevenoaks artist Louise Balaam's atmospheric landscape, Oldbury 1, is based on an iron-age hill fort near her home

graphics and helped set up and run a gallery."

Ian Duncan Baker from Folkestone, produced an abstract of a broken cart.

He said: "After many years of illustration in a representational style, in 2000 the opportunity arose to rediscover painting, with a conscious intention towards abstraction."

"It was all originally based on canal barges and boats from photographs I made in east London and Amsterdam, having lived in both areas."

"I started with bold figurative shapes, and later became more interested in detail, such as texture and rust, now it's often impossible to spot the source."

"Although I've not abandoned figurative painting, I now look at things from a different perspective. The cart in the painting was spotted on a cycle back from Fowlmead, near Deal, in a field, two years ago."

"This year I saw how to use the photo reference in a painting. Two different ones were made but only one painting was accepted by the RA."

"This is my first time of acceptance after entering about five times."

Sevenoaks painter, Louise Balaam, is a keen artist of atmospheric landscapes and abstract paintings. Her entry piece for the exhibition is called

Oldbury 1 and is based on a hill fort near her home.

She said: "It's great to be part of such a long-standing tradition, and to be following in the footsteps of Turner and Constable, both huge heroes of mine."

"My paintings are abstract landscapes, mostly in oils. I'm excited by the light and mood of the landscape and try to capture my responses to the natural world."

"There are many places in Kent and Sussex where I love to paint – the painting in the Royal Academy this year is based on Oldbury Fort, an iron-age site near Sevenoaks."

Ashford artist, Emily Smith Polyblank, has lived in the town for 13 years after growing up in Canterbury. Both her parents were artists and her earliest memories are of going out to sketch local surroundings.

Her submission, Long Dog features a woodcut of the animal, a theme which crops up regularly in her work.

"As an artist I have great passion for light and colour," she said.

"In woodcuts you never know how it will turn out as it tends to take its own form."

"There is great enjoyment in the surprise you get when you put ink on it and see what happens."

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THEME: Professional artist Adrienne Blaker has two pieces appearing including this, called Converted



ABSTRACT: Ian Duncan Baker produced an abstract painting of a broken cart he spotted while out on a bicycle ride near Deal (right)



SUBMITTED: The RA said controversial Margate-born artist Tracy Emin submitted two pieces for this year's summer exhibition

KENT ARTISTS AT THE ROYAL ACADEMY'S SUMMER EXHIBITION

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CATCH: Heroin found stashed under boxes of salami on a lorry at the ports in Dover

Heroin haul lands HGV driver in jail

A LORRY driver has been sentenced to 11 years in prison after smuggling heroin worth more than £640,000 into Dover.

Customs stopped Thomas Findlay, 52, from Ayrshire, in the freight controls at Dover Eastern Docks on February 6, 2007.

He had arrived in his lorry by ferry from Calais and was arrested after the drugs were found under boxes of salami.

The heroin was in unmarked boxes sealed with tape.

Findlay was charged with smuggling 12 kilos of heroin and found guilty at Canterbury Crown Court.

Malcolm Bragg, HMRC Assistant Director Criminal Investigation, said: "The success of this operation highlights our proactive role in reducing the availability of drugs in the UK."

"Heroin has a devastating impact on individuals as well as the wider effect on communities."

"We will continue to take stringent action and work with our prosecutors to bring individuals before the courts."

Hospital hits heart attack drug targets

A HOSPITAL has exceeded national target for treating patients suffering heart attacks, according to a new report.

Medway Maritime Hospital treated 87.5 per cent of patients with life-saving anti-clotting drugs known thrombolysis within the target time of 30 minutes.

The report, which was published on Wednesday, by the Royal College of Physicians, looked at whether NHS hospitals were meeting the Government target of treating 75 per cent of patients within 30 minutes.

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Kent-made movie The Calling's surprise success convinces

Film-making bug

KENT has caught the film-making bug after one movie earned the county half a million pounds, *writes Chris Murphy.*

Now Kent County Council is keen to cash in and has launched a fund to promote the county to moviemakers. The authority said its pioneering new fund for film and TV production was created after Kent-made feature film *The Calling*, starring Brenda Blethyn, generated more than £500,000 for the county's economy.

It also received recognition at the Edinburgh International Film Festival. County Hall says it is the first local authority to pour cash into an account just for film and TV production. It is called the Kent Development Fund and it will provide £200,000 a year.

This will be spent supporting productions by funding script development and investing in both Kent-based and external production companies which want to film in the county. It will also be used to attract additional funding from Europe, regional development agencies and private investors, with the aim of increasing spending into the Kent economy and promoting the county as a prime location.

The Calling was created as a pilot project between production company Maeve (Medb) Films, based in Ramsgate, and KCC's Kent Film Office.

Its success has taken most by surprise. It was filmed at Salmestone Grange, a former Benedictine monastery, in Margate, and other locations in Thanet. KCC provided



GOOD HABITS: Brenda Blethyn in *The Calling*

Film and Television Board, said: "This film's success puts Kent's creative talent on an international stage and as a Kent resident I'm proud to have been involved with it."

"The success of this pilot project shows what tremendous results a relatively small amount of funding can have."

The council said it shows that directly supporting film production in the county could bring significant economic benefits, including the creation of training and job opportunities in one of the growth industries in the UK.

At the Edinburgh International Film Festival, the film was nominated for the prestigious Michael Powell Award – named after the renowned director who was born in Bekesbourne, near Canterbury – for Best British New Feature.

The cast included Ramsgate-born and Bafta award-winning actress Ms Blethyn, Golden Globe winners Rita Tushingham and Amanda Donohoe, and Oscar-nominated Susannah York.

Cllr Alex King, deputy leader of KCC, said: "The success we've had with supporting the



NEWCOMER: Emily Beecham

£75,000 and worked to secure match funding. This initial investment attracted others to the project including Screen South, Courtyard Studios, Maidstone Studios and the Hop Farm, which resulted in more than £500,000 being pumped into the Kent economy before *The Calling* was even screened.

The investment also secured jobs for eight trainees on the production. Set in modern-day Kent, it follows the story of a girl who wants to be a nun, played by newcomer Emily Beecham. Ms Blethyn, chair of Kent



ON SET: Susannah Harker, Brenda Blethyn and Rita Tushingham with director Jan Dunn

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county that investment in attracting film and TV productions will pay dividends becomes habit-forming



HEED THE CALL: From left, Jenny Cooper of Screen South; Cllr Alex King and Peter Gilroy of KCC; Brenda Blethyn; Jo Nolan of Screen South; producer Elaine Wickham; writer and director Jan Dunn; and Pippa Cross and Paul Dixon, executive producers

production of just one film is a very clear indicator of the tremendous results we can achieve by supporting more films in future."

Another major movie partly made in Kent, at Penshurst Place, was *The Other Boleyn Girl*, starring Eric Bana as Henry VIII.

Viscount De L'Isle, Kent ambassador and owner of Penshurst Place, said: "The film industry has a significant impact on tourism in Kent, as was clearly demonstrated by *The Other Boleyn Girl* campaign, where we worked with the Kent Film Office, Visit Kent, National Trust and English Heritage and the other Kent locations to maximise the marketing opportunities the film brought.

"This resulted in an increased profile for Penshurst, which is not only fantastic for the Kent economy as a whole but also because tourism spend plays a significant part in preserving our heritage."

Kent Film Office is already worked for three years to promote Kent as a filming location and has generated £13m.

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THE OTHER BOLEYN GIRL: Eric Bana with Scarlett Johansson, left, and Natalie Portman

How about a bloody good 10-minute masterpiece?

WONDERING what to do with all that fake blood and Halloween leftovers gathering dust in the cellar?

How about grabbing a camcorder and a few friends to help you make Britain's best amateur short horror film.

That's the challenge from the organisers of the 2 Days Later Short Film-making Competition 2009, as they launch their seventh annual contest supported by Screen South and KCC's arts investment programme.

The organisers want would-be movie moguls to devise and produce a chilling 10-minute film in just 48 hours.

The competition has been so popular over the years there is now a back catalogue of more than 200 films made by people all over Europe specially for the 2 Days Later festival.

This year, the finished items will be shown during the Halloween Screen event at the Theatre Royal, Margate, on October 31.

Since the competition began in 2003, some of the film-makers have gone on



FEEL THE FEAR: A scary moment during last year's winning short film, *On Ice*

to careers in the media industry, such as Herne Bay's Russell Gomm who formed Aurora Pictures and won Best Film in the Kent Film Festival 2008.

Mick Etherton, director of Margate-based Beeping Bush, which organises the competition, said: "Horror was the obvious choice for our festival, as it

appeals to the novice filmmaker and everyone can have a go.

"It's about accessibility. We want people to not get too worried or scared about the process of making a film, and not spend too much time or money on it either. As we tell them - all you need is a camera and a bottle of ketchup.

"It's amazing how many enquiries we receive each year from all over the globe. We get fantastically well-made films of all types, from traditional zombie flicks to more sophisticated psychological productions.

"Films have been made with digital stills cameras, and in 2007 our film industry judging panel gave the Best Film award to a movie made on a mobile phone."

Entrants are required to feature three items from a list of six as part of their productions.

This year, the list is a puppet - either plastic, wooden or shadow; a cow; an aphrodisiac such as oysters or Viagra; something silver which would be handy in the event of werewolves,

vampires or crows; a skull; or the phrase: "It was on the radio last night."

Mr Etherton said: "These elements are essential so we know the films have been made for this event, and they also cause a big laugh from the audiences when they spot them on screen."

Prizes are awarded in categories including Best Film, Best Screenplay and Best Actor, plus audiences vote for most Popular Film.

The film-makers are competing for the opportunity to develop their career by winning a week's hire of broadcast quality high-definition full camera kit from Soho sponsor VMI High Definition and Broadcast.

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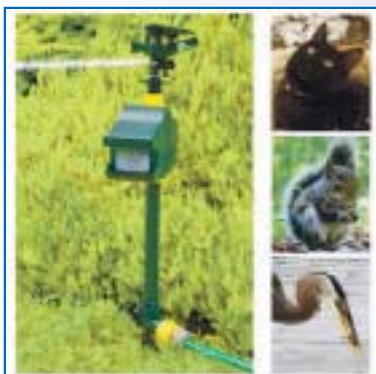
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A PRISON sentence is often not the end of a crook's problems if the Kent Criminal Justice Board tries to recover any ill-gotten gains, **writes Chris Murphy.**

In the last 12 months, villains have been ordered to hand over almost £4 million in cash made from their crimes.

One 40-year-old Faversham man was ordered to cough up £21,000 in addition to a six-month prison sentence for supplying drugs.

And a 39-year-old man from Erith was ordered to pay £483,000 and sentenced to 10 years for possession with intent to supply Class A drugs.

The orders can be made in courts under the Proceeds of Crime Act.

Agencies in the criminal justice system can confiscate assets from anyone convicted of a criminal offence who has benefited from crime.

The law was introduced after a public outcry when it was revealed crooks were making illegal fortunes, serving prison sentences, and then coming out to reap the benefits of that money.

Recently three criminals were ordered to pay more than £500,000, which will be returned to their victims.

The crooks targeted elderly and vulnerable people who were often pressured or frightened into accepting offers of repair work.

Many fearful homeowners paid up simply to get rid of the gang.

As a result of the order, the three will lose their large houses, all the funds in their bank accounts and their cars.

Roger Coe-Salazar is chief prosecutor for the Crown Prosecution Service (CPS) in the county and a member of the Kent Criminal Justice Board.

He said: "It is wrong and offensive to honest, hard-working people that crooks should be able to gain financially and fund luxurious lifestyles through criminal activity. We have worked hard on develop-



ILL-GOTTEN GAINS: Cash found by police officers when they raided a criminal's home

ing a multi-agency response to strip criminals of their assets and as a consequence almost £4m can now be reinvested in public services.

"The board is determined to continue its work to further improve this confiscation figure and hit the criminals where it hurts them most – in the pocket."

The CPS works alongside police financial investigators to build a case file and apply to the crown court for a confiscation order.

Recouped money is passed to the Treasury that then in turn pays a percentage to the courts service, the CPS and the police.

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THE benefits of backpacking as a form of more sustainable tourism will be discussed by an academic at a major international conference.

Dr Mark Hampton, who runs the tourism management degree at the University of Kent, will address the World Eco-Tourism Conference in the Laos capital Vientiane, this summer.

"For many countries, especially the poorest like Laos, tourism is an important new industry that can develop investment and income into the country more quickly than a big industrial programme," he said.

"It is an important way of getting money directly in through tourist spend and hotels getting built.

"What I'm interested in is smaller scale tourism. There is really interesting research

Backpacking economy boost for poor nations

showing that with backpackers staying in locally owned hotels money is staying in the local economy."

Dr Hampton said backpackers tend to stay longer than conventional tourists and the majority of money they spend stays in the local economy.

He said that while around 70 per cent of the expenditure of conventional tourists leaks out of the country they are visiting, with backpackers it is the other way round with only 30 per cent lost.

More money is kept within the local community of poorer countries popular with backpackers such as Laos and Cambodia in



South East Asia, because they eat in local restaurants, use public transport and stay in locally-run accommodation.

Conventional tourists often say in foreign-owned hotels where they consume imported food and drink.

The annual conference will bring together government officials, tourism chiefs, business leaders and academics from around the world.

Issues that are vital to tourism such as the impact of climate change, conservation, environmental protection and preservation of ethnic communities will be addressed.

Dr Hampton has carried out a major research project, which was funded by the Malaysian government, to assess the importance of backpackers to the tourism industry in the Asia Pacific region.

"Backpacker tourism could play a major role in ensuring economically and environmentally sustainable forms of tourism," Dr Hampton said.

"At the same time, it's important to consider whether backpack tourism can be truly responsible in developing countries, and whether, if backpackers arrive en masse, the social and cultural impacts might start to become negative for local host communities."

The image of backpacker tourism is now changing and is no longer the preserve of gap year students, he said.

"What is interesting is that in some coun-



TRAVELLING LIFE: Backpackers are helping revitalise the tourism industry in poorer countries, says Dr Mark Hampton (left)

tries such as Kuala Lumpur, you get Backpacker Plus, which are flop houses converted into what are like little boutique hotels but cheaper.

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RACHEL MCATHY finds out more about the happy lives of egg-laying chickens

Egg-stremely good fun on the free-range farm

CAMPAIGNS for free-range egg production have swept across the nation, endorsed by celebrity chefs and supported by some of the country's biggest stores.

Now rearing your own chickens, for the freshest eggs around, has become one of the country's fastest growing hobbies, which is good news for one farmer.

Doug Wanstall runs Bank Farm in Aldington, near Ashford, and it is from here that he pioneered a local food distribution hub that now supplies Kent produce across the county and London.

But much of his success is down to the work of an army of 30,000 free-range chickens.

With access to 100 acres of land, they live a carefree life – popping out around 178,500 eggs a week.

But it is the nation's love of our feathered friends which has boosted business the most.

"People seem to be more emotionally attached to their chickens than anything else, which is nice for us," he said. "It is quite bizarre."

Collecting the eggs follows an almost military procedure. The eggs are laid into nesting boxes and then roll down onto a conveyor belt before being examined, graded and boxed ready for sale. But the trickiest job is getting every bird back to the roost at night.

"They get let out at 7am and we take it in turns to bring them in again at dusk," he said. "It is my turn at the moment to round them up, and it is not easy. It is often 10pm before the little darlings are ready to go to bed."

Programmes by celebrity chefs such as Hugh Fearnley-Whittingstall, who spearheaded a free-range chicken campaign, helped boost interest in Mr Wanstall's business. It also led to the BBC using Mr Wanstall for its egg needs.

Chickens that are free to roam get a much more varied and nutritious diet, whereas yolks from caged hens are often injected with artificial colours to give them the glow only grass can naturally give.

Despite more and more people rearing their own 'back yard' chickens, Mr Wanstall said business is good.

In fact, to keep up with demand, he has started supplying people with the chickens and the know-how to 'lay their own'.

"As long as they have a suitable amount of land, anyone can have chickens," he said. "There is nothing like getting eggs fresh every morning, you can't beat it."

"Although you have to be prepared for their fairly destructive nature when it comes to grass."



Even the reject eggs do not go unused and are donated to Port Lympne Wild Animal Park, in return for hefty amounts of elephant dung for use as fertilizer.

Mr Wanstall's great grandfather bought the farm in 1918, which has passed down through the generations.

His father still works on the farm, as well as his uncle – it is truly a family business.

Since he took over, Mr Wanstall's dreams of getting local produce more readily available have become a reality. He now supplies hospitals, schools, hotels, food stores and restaurants in Kent and London. He also buys products from local farmers and sell them on to a wide range of customers interested in local food.

Despite economic struggles earlier in the year, which ended his supplies to Asda stores in Kent, he still provides the supermarket with 20,000 eggs a month.

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Julie Monkman, manager of Produced in Kent said: "We want to shout about the benefits and pleasures of shopping in your local farm shop or independent food retailer."

"Shopping locally is also a lot more fun and, at a time when everyone needs to watch their finances, it's cheaper than the supermarket."

Research shows that £10 spent locally is worth £25 to the local economy, as opposed to £10 spent in a supermarket, which is worth just £14 to the local community. The competition ends on July 31.



Plenty of places to buy local

THERE are a host of farmers' markets taking place across the county in the coming week.

On Tuesday, Hildenborough market runs from 9-11am, and Capel-le-Ferne will have stalls running from 10am-1pm.

Deal is holding the its market on Wednesday, from 9am-noon.

On Thursday, the county is spoilt for choice with five market hosts. Shipbourne market will run from 9-11am, Whitfield from 9am-noon, Bexley Heath from 9am-3pm, Rolvenden from 10am-noon and Chartham from 2.30-5pm.

Again on Friday there are plenty of venues to choose from. At Bromley the stalls will run from 9am-5pm, Edenbridge from 9.30-11.30am, Challock from 1-4pm, Egerton from 2-4.30pm and Aylesham from 2-5pm.

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COMMENT

Judges' decision harsh on family

ANY parent can understand the pain and anger vented by Rachel Cheesewright's family over the ruling at the Court of Appeal this week.

The judges overturned a ruling at Canterbury Crown Court that the police were 100 per cent to blame for the tragic death of the 29-year-old mother.

It is entirely understandable that Miss Cheesewright's father has now vowed to keep fighting after the appeal judges found that his daughter was 60 per cent responsible for the accident that killed her.

While there has to be some grey area and the officer, Police Constable William Purse, who was driving at the time of the accident, cannot be 100 per cent to blame, it seems particularly harsh for the family to be told that their daughter was 60 per cent negligent.

It is quite a switch, especially when it is based only on an assertion that Miss Cheesewright had not looked right twice as she pulled out of the junction.

PC Purse was hurtling along the road at 90mph and ploughed into her Ford Fiesta splitting the car in two and killing her instantly.

It is no wonder that her family now wants to take the case to the House of Lords as more blame has now been levelled at Miss Cheesewright than at the police.

What there can be no doubt about in this case is the tragic loss of life and a daughter cruelly left without her mother.

Whoever was more to blame, lessons must be learnt by the police from this accident.

OPINION:

Sending out mixed messages

One Labour MP fears Kent being a builders' paradise if Tories win next election



that have stood between the good folk of Kent and an army of bulldozers.

But now, thanks to Councillor Carter's outburst we know it's not so.

According to him, when he thought he was speaking to a room full of Tory supporting developers, it is too difficult to get planning permission in Kent.

The problem is not too many houses being planned – it is too few. A Tory government, he said, would take the handcuffs off Kent's developers and drive forward a new house-building programme in the county.

Caroline Spellman MP, the Tory shadow spokesman on local government could not wait to agree.

Tory governments are better for builders she said.

More houses get built by Tory governments than Labour ones and a new Tory government would cut the red tape that stops Kent's builders from throwing up new properties.

The rule that requires a certain proportion of new build properties to be affordable?

"We will abolish it" she said.

Want to build in rural villages?

"Yes, please, we'll make it happen" she said.

Planning problems?

"We'll transform the system and make it easier to get planning permission" she said.

At which point Cllr Carter's head nearly fell from his shoulders he was nodding so vigorously.

So now we know. The protestations of Kent's Tories against the drive to build houses were a sham. They conned you.

All they really object to is affordable property, the sort of houses your children might be able to afford.

So long as you want to build executive property then the sky's the limit and they won't even bother you with the irritation of convincing local communities and working too hard to get planning permission.

Of course, they didn't stop there in their attempt to woo the business community.

Councils, Mrs Spellman said, should be able to use the council tax they raise from individuals like you and me to cut business

rates and give companies tax holidays.

Now I have no problem with giving start-up companies a helping hand and supporting struggling businesses at times of difficulty – this Government has been doing it for years – but surely this support should be paid for from general taxation and not council tax, and if it's such a good idea why have the Tories always refused to support the measures the Government has used to raise the money?

Carter and Spellman's message was crystal clear.

If the Tories win the next election you can expect to see, on a Kent garden or green field near you, a new executive housing development.

But don't bother objecting, they'll be changing the planning rules so it's not worthwhile, and while you are raising your petitions to protest they'll use your council tax to pay the builder's business rates for him.

• **Stephen Ladyman in the Labour MP for South Thanet.**

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While Kent County Council is leading the way with four Changing Places toilets, there are still only 85 across the country.

People with profound and multiple learning disabilities should have the same opportunities as everyone else.

Carers have enough to contend with – let's not make their lives harder by denying them the right to basic facilities.

I urge Kent on Sunday readers to sign the online petition about this important issue at www.mencap.org.uk/changelives.

Fiona Cave, Hythe

The filth and the fury

Reading Street must be the dirtiest street in Broadstairs. If you walk from Kitty's Green to Callis Court Road you'd have a job finding a paving stone that wasn't broken.

The asphalt is all cracked or non-existent. The paving hasn't been swept for ages, broken glass has been laying in one part for weeks. When cars overtake, they come up over the pavement.

I don't know what visitors must think when they come to look at the old houses.

H Briggs, Broadstairs

Fight for your schools

At the Medway Council meeting on Thursday, June 18, the ruling Conservative group let the cat out of the bag about their plans to close good schools in Medway.

Housing need still growing

KCC leader Cllr Paul Carter is quoted as stating: "I very much question whether we need an extra 7,000 homes in Kent each year" (Kent on Sunday, last week).

That was said in the face of inexorable growth in council housing waiting lists and thousands of homeless households listed as being in temporary accommodation.

The South East Plan – which is now the basic planning document for the district councils and KCC after years of compilation leading to adoption – is quite clear when it states long-term pressure on housing supply and affordability will remain even after access to credit returns.

The argument as to numbers of homes needed ended with the approval of that

plan; now the county council has a duty to assist in its implementation. The failure of the building industry this year to even get half way to the basic national annual target exacerbates the profound shortage of new homes.

The growth of unemployment is a reminder to builders such as Paul Carter, in his role as a councillor, that there are other social reasons why KCC should put all it can into encouraging private sector housing entrepreneurs, district councils and housing associations to take a good look at the difficulties the unmet need for homes is causing, particularly to young families, and do all they can to implement the South East Plan.

Leslie Turner, Maidstone

Cllr Les Wicks, the Tory in charge of schools, said no change was not an option and therefore he had to close St Peter's, St John's St Nicholas, All Faiths and Ridge Meadow schools.

He also said the council would lose £11 million from the Government for investing in primary education if Medway did not close the schools. Cllr Wicks then said the consultation was "real" and that he and his colleagues had not made up their minds.

Yet how can the consultation be anything other than a sham if Cllr Wicks is convinced he has to close the schools because the Government is making him do so?

Cllr Wicks and Medway's Tories can't have it both ways. Either the Tories are serious about consultation and listening to the community or they are not. And the Tories either believe they have to close the schools or they don't. If they really don't believe in closing the schools, why don't they support the schools' campaigns and challenge the alleged Government instructions?

The truth is government guidelines make it clear Medway should not be closing any of the schools under threat because they have good standards and offer parental choice because they are small. And the Government has also written to Medway to confirm that

the council has discretion over what to do with the money and it has total control of what is purely a local decision.

Cllr Wicks and his friends are pretending it's the Government's fault, when everyone can see the local Tories are to blame. So far, 12,500 people have signed petitions and thousands are signed up to Facebook groups in support of the schools.

Thousands more are going to write to Cllr Wicks and his Tory friends asking them to reconsider. The reason the Conservatives don't support the schools is because they want to close them and spend the money saved in Tory heartland areas on pet projects.

People need to make clear to this morally bankrupt council that any attempt to close good schools will cost the Tories seats at the next election. Otherwise it could be their school – or other services they rely on – next.

Cllr Bill Esterson, Medway Labour group spokesman for children's services

Calling all students ...

As the university summer holidays have begun, TV Licensing is reminding students across Kent they may be able to claim a refund of more than £34 on their TV licence.

Many moving back home for the summer will no longer need their TV licence.

If this is the case and there are three full calendar months before the licence expires, they are entitled to a refund for the unused quarter. A licence bought in October, 2008, cost £139.50, so the refund is worth £34.88.

If you watch live TV on a traditional set, or on a PC or laptop, you must be covered by a valid TV licence. Our advice is to always make sure you get your licence by the end of October so you qualify for a refund at the end of the academic year. For more information, visit www.tvlicensing.co.uk/students2009 or call 0844 800 6734.

Ian Fannon, TV Licensing

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EVENING COURSES: Carpentry and Joinery

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BIRTHS

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Lexie Grace born on 3rd June 2009 weighing 8lb 12.5oz. Sister to Isabel and daughter to David and Charlotte.

ARMSTRONG

Lorraine and Robert celebrate the birth of Ryan Mark Armstrong on 29th May 2009, weighing 4lb 7oz.

BARLOW

Jessica Isabelle Helen born on 4th June 2009, weighing 6lb 14oz. Beautiful daughter to Helen and Jason of Larkfield.

BLOWER

Gary and Catherine of Canterbury are delighted to announce the birth of their beautiful daughter, Imogen Aimee, on 6th June 2009 at 11.27am weighing 6lb 8oz.

BROWN

Ricky and Jasmine are delighted to announce the birth of their beautiful son, Jayden Andrew Brown, born on 14th June 2009.

BROWN

Seanne Louise Steel and Samuel Jacob Brown of Ramsgate celebrate the birth of their daughter Amelia Bailey Brown born on 17th June 2009.

CARPENTER

William Alexander Carpenter born on 17th May 2009, weighing 6lbs 13oz. Son to Sarah Jane Dee and Matthew Christopher Carpenter in Westgate-on-Sea.

COLLINS

Matt and Donna of Nash are very proud to announce the safe arrival of their beautiful and long awaited son, Gabriel Victor Collins was born on 9th June 2009 at 4.30pm weighing 7lb 7oz.

CORNELIUS

Liz and Mark Cornelius would like to welcome to the world our precious baby Amber Lily born on 12th June 2009.

DEVESON

Peter and Natalie Deverson are pleased to announce the safe arrival of their beautiful baby son Alfie Ray 8lb 14 oz on Sunday 14th June 2009. Brother to Keira and Lewis.

FAGG

Nicky and Darren Fagg celebrate the birth of their son Oliver John on 11th June 2009. Brother to Jade.

GREENLEAF

Antturya and Nick celebrate the birth of their third child, baby Pierre Nicholas born on 9th June 2009 at 13:45 weighing 8lbs 9oz measuring 57cm. Brother to Jasmine and Yves.

HUGGINS

Jamie David Andrew born on 15th June 2009, weighing 8lbs. Son to Andrew and Jessica Huggins and brother to Ashton in Maidstone.

JARVIS

Welcome to the world, Isla Gemma, born on 9th June 2009, a beautiful daughter for Lee and Gemma and sister for Freya.

LAKHANI

Roshni Jaimini Lakhani born on 12th June 2009 weighing 7lbs 8oz. Daughter to Keshel and Nimisha Lakhani of Larkfield.

LAWTON

Charlene and Ross of Cliffsend celebrate the birth of their beautiful daughter Isobel Shannon on 14th June 2009.

MORTON

Lisa Davies and Alan Morton celebrate the birth of their daughter Sophia May Morton born on 13th June 2009.

MURRAY

Charlotte Louise born on 9th June 2009, weighing 7lb 4oz. Daughter to Samantha and Matthew in Dover. Our beautiful little girl.

O'DONNELL

Paul and Claire of Herne Bay are very proud to announce the birth of third son, Bobby James George, born on 10th June 2009 at 12.24pm weighing 7lb 5oz. A new brother for Harry and Jake.

REEVES-SRAHA

Jasmine Ama born on 25th May 2009, weighing 7lbs 14oz. Daughter to Malcolm and Francesca in Ramsgate. Welcome little sister to Morgan and Alfie. You are the miracle who we will love and treasure forever.

SHORTER

Susie, born on the 19th June 2009, weighing 7lbs. Daughter to Andy and Sam of Hythe.

SIMMONS

Eric and Tricia are really pleased to announce the

birth of their son, Laiton Thomas Ali, on 4th June 2009. The eleventh child - last but not least! A new brother for Keith, Danielle, Naomi, Sean, Stefan, Hope, Monique, Desiree, Darius and Callum.

SMITH

Bradley, Lisa and Jessica Smith would like to welcome Esme Rose Smith to the world and are very happy with the latest addition to their family.

DEATHS

ALLDRED

David Alldred of Hextable died peacefully on the 14th June 2009. A Service to celebrate his life will be held at Hextable Methodist Church at 12.30 on 1st July 2009.

BURTON

Ronald Terry Burton passed away on 18th June 2009. Enquiries to Farriers Funeral Directors Dover 01304 201665.

CARTER

Carol suddenly passed away on June 18th at home. Much loved wife of Peter and mother to Adrian and Christian. She will be dearly missed. Funeral to be held at Hawkinge Cemetery on Tuesday June 30th at 11:45am. Flowers to Chittendens Folkestone.

CLAMPIN

Edward John (Ted) of Warley Woods, Birmingham (formerly from Bexleyheath), died on 24th May aged 84. Sadly missed by all.

CRACK

Dennis sadly passed away on 20th June 2009, aged 79. Sadly missed by partner Florence and all his family and friends.

HOOD

Charles Sydney Hood passed away peacefully on 17th June 2009 aged 85. Lovely husband to Nora, Dad to Christine, Grandad to Kerry, Wendy, Claire, Ben and Lauren. Funeral service will take place on 1st July at Vinters Park Crematorium at 3.30pm. Flower or donations to the Parkinsons Disease Society.

ORMEROD

Chris (Chief) passed away suddenly on 11th June 2009 whilst at home. He was a dearly loved husband, father and grandpops and will be sadly missed by all who loved him.

POTTON

Terry Potton of Dartford passed away peacefully on 15th June 2009 aged 50. Loving Father, Husband, Son and Brother. Inquiries to Bournes of Dartford 01322 284420.

STOCKER

Joan died peacefully at home on 21st June 2009 aged 81 years. Adored wife of Gerald. Dearly loved mother of Neil and Philip, and their wives Tracey and Agnes. Devoted and deeply respected Grandma of Ben, Katy, James, Nathalie and Isabelle. Private cremation followed by service of celebration at East Farleigh Parish Church on Thursday 2nd July 2009 at 12.30pm. Family flowers only, donations if desired to Cancer Research UK c/o Doves Funeral Service, 1 Knightbridge Street, Maidstone ME15 6LP, telephone 01622 688662.

STROVER

Doris Evelyn Stover died peacefully on 18th June 2009. Funeral service at Charing Crematorium on Thursday 2nd July at 10:20am.

TAYLOR

Catherine (Kate) of Linden House Sevenoaks passed away on 19th June 2009. Much loved mother of Carol and Stuart, grandma to Thomas, Ben, George and Bill, and great grandma to Clio. She will be greatly missed.

WITELAW

Richard Gordon Whitelaw died suddenly at his home in New Ash Green on 9th June 2009 aged 56 years. Dearly loved husband of Fiona and father of Iona, Davina, John and Christopher. Grandfather to Paige, Shannon, Zac and Leah. Dearly loved brother and son in law. Funeral has already taken place.

WILSON

Rachel Louise Wilson of Canterbury passed away peacefully on 23rd June 2009 aged 39 years after a long battle bravely fought. Much loved wife of Chris and loving mum to Katie and Lucy. Dearly loved daughter of Jim and Barbara and loving sister to Victoria. Rachel will be deeply missed by everyone who knew her. All funeral enquiries to Lyons Military Road Canterbury.

dents.

Which? members tell us they value the specialist knowledge and customer service offered by local retailers. When we asked our members to tell us about their favourite high street shops, four of the top 10 were local independent outlets.

Through the Which? Local website – www.which-local.co.uk – our members recommend reliable local businesses to each other. Earlier this month, we gave awards to the best local businesses across a variety of trades and regions, and the thousands of recommendations we received were testament to just how much we rely on, and appreciate, our local shops.

The overall winner was a butcher in Leicestershire – yet since 2000, the country has lost an average of five butchers every single week.

We'd encourage everyone to give their local high street shops and tradespeople a chance. And when you find a good one, tell your friends and families and spread the word.

Undoubtedly chain and convenience stores have a place on the high street, but our members want to continue to see choice and diversity in their local area. The British high street is worth saving – and if we pull together, we can give it a fighting chance.

Peter Vicary-Smith, chief executive, Which?

Keep your pets cool

Now that summer is here, we should all remember that animals suffer and die in hot weather.

Already Animal Aid has had to call the police to smash the window on a car and release a dog sweltering inside.

Other animals suffer, too. Rabbits must not be left in a hutch in the glaring sun or inside a sweltering garage or shed.

They need a cool, shady place where the air circulates, and to be able to move freely.

In summer, their water should be refreshed twice a day.

A hot rabbit can be kept cool by applying cold water gently to its ears. Should your rabbit become listless, or start breathing hard through an open mouth or go limp, take it to a vet immediately. Rabbits must also be checked daily throughout summer months for signs of flystrike.

Smaller animals, such as hamsters, rats and gerbils, can be kept cool by opening windows and closing curtains, using a fan (but not pointing it directly at them), refreshing water and providing a frozen water bottle, wrapped in a towel so that it cannot be chewed.

Kate Fowler, Animal Aid, Tonbridge

A world of difference

PETA is thrilled to hear about Sir Paul McCartney's Meat-free Monday initiative (KoS, June 21), and hopes Kent will welcome the idea with open arms.

Climate change, global poverty, increasing rates of obesity and sub-standard animal welfare are all issues that we can address right now, and reducing meat intake or going vegetarian is one of the easiest ways to do this.

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Alexia Weeks, People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals



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Frightfully good statue

I do not generally favour huge statues blighting our beautiful countryside, especially that awfully boring and costly old nag destined for Ebbsfleet.

But I have to admit I do quite like the idea of the proposed Scarecrow for Romney Marsh which does have some character and meaning behind it.

Ted Prangnell, Kennington, Ashford

Support local traders

It's been widely reported in the press this week that high street shops are closing at a dramatic rate – some say up to 100 every day – as businesses struggle during the downturn.

This is bad news for local traders, many of which were struggling before the recent economic woes in the face of competition from bigger retailers, and it's bad news for all of us, too.

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Course to help new heads take the lead

By **JENNA PUDELEK**

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MORE than 100 headteachers from across Kent and south east London have taken part in a leadership training course.

The event – Aspiring for Headship – was held in anticipation of a generation of people in the top job retiring over the next few years.

Promising candidates took part in the one-day conference last Thursday, which was organised by the National College for School Leadership (NCSL) at the

University of Greenwich campus in West Malling.

Dr Caroline Whalley, national succession consultant for the organisation said: “As the baby-boomer generation of heads nears retirement, it’s great to see there are so many talented candidates in Kent ready to put themselves forward for the job.”

“The event was rewarding for all of those involved and I think it’s given them some valuable pointers about the challenges they will face as headteachers.”

The budding headteachers were given advanced training from expert educationists.

Professor John West-Burnham, an educational leadership expert from St

Mary’s University College in Twickenham, gave a keynote address.

A series of seminars then covered a range of subjects including management, interpersonal skills, social and community cohesion and conflict resolution.

It was held in partnership with Bexley, Bromley, Croydon and Medway councils.

Jim Eshelby, senior education adviser from the London Borough of Bromley, said it was an important event for the future of schooling in the region.

He said: “We need to ensure that we have the best possible candidates for headship.”

The number of teachers who want to work their way up the career ladder to become a head is growing, according to experts.

The NCSL headship index has shown that more than 150,000 teachers now aspire to become headteachers, which has increased 10 per cent since 2007.

The organisation runs training programmes for teachers who want to progress their careers and for existing school leaders to improve and expand their knowledge.

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College’s ‘outstanding’ effort

A LAND-based college in Kent has been given six ‘outstanding’ awards in a new Government rating system.

Hadlow College received the top marks after inspectors from the education watchdog Ofsted looked at the residential accommodation on offer for students under 18 at its site near Tonbridge.

The inspections were for a report in relation to Every Child Matter, which is the Government’s framework for all children.

Five areas including students’ health, protection from harm and achievements were looked at.

Hadlow achieved ‘outstanding’ in all five, as well as in its overall rating.

Tall order no worry for students

STUDENTS at a Kent college have helped a charity to redecorate its new premises.

Walk Tall, which has recently moved from Swanscombe to Northfleet, helps young people cope with bullying, violence and issues that affect teenagers.

The charity has helped students from north west Kent in the past. As a thank you, pupils studying for an Entry to Employment programme, who are learning construction skills, helped spruce up the new building.

Tanya Williams, who head the programme, said: “It is beneficial to the students to work on a community project to gain a taste of a proper work environment and what will be expected of them.”

“The training they have gained in the classroom and the workshops is practically applied to a charity worthy of the students’ new abilities.”

Painting, plaster boarding and ceramic wall tiling are among the six modules the students have to pass before moving on to more advanced courses at the college.



SPRUCE UP: Student Sam Gullett gets to work painting the Walk Tall premises



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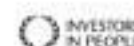
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For an application pack please contact Caroline Stark on 01634 884511 or e mail caroline.stark@midkent.ac.uk

Closing date: Mid-day July 15th 2009

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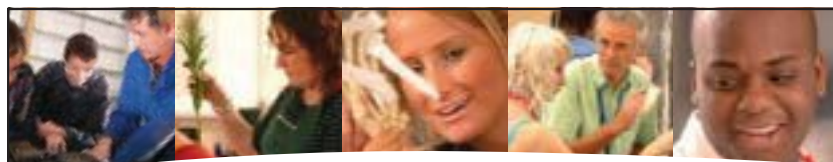
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Head of Faculty Health, Public Services and Care	06/61
37 hours per week, salary starting at £42,128 per annum	
Manager Health & Social Care	06/110
37 hours per week, salary starting at £33,858 per annum	
Section Manager Fine Arts, Crafts and Design	09/33
37 hours per week, salary starting at £33,858 per annum	
Lecturer Media – Radio Production and Media Studies	09/23
37 hours per week, salary range £18,387 – £26,363 per annum	
Lecturer Motor Vehicle/Motor Cycle Engineering	09/24
37 hours per week, salary range £18,387 – £26,363 per annum	
Lecturer Motor Sport Engineering	09/25
37 hours per week, salary range £18,387 – £26,363 per annum	
Lecturer Electrical Installation	09/26
37 hours per week, salary range £18,387 – £26,363 per annum	
Lecturer Mechanical Manufacture Engineering	09/27
37 hours per week, salary range £18,387 – £26,363 per annum	
Higher Education Supply Lecturers are required in the following areas:	S/HE
<i>Early Years to teach on Foundation Degree (applicants with experience of Communication and English for Early Years are welcome)</i>	
<i>Counselling (applicants must hold relevant professional counselling qualifications)</i>	
<i>Music Technology and Music Performance, to teach on Higher National Diploma and BA (Hons) music degree courses including supervision of dissertations</i>	
Various hours available, salary range £18,387 – £26,363 pro rata per annum	
NVQ Assessor Business and Management	09/28
22.2 hours per week, one year fixed term post. Salary range from £18,295 - £26,232 pro rata per annum	
NVQ Assessor Catering and Hospitality	09/29
22.2 hours per week, one year fixed term post. Salary range from £18,295 - £26,232 pro rata per annum	
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The closing date for the above posts is Monday 6th July 2009 at 12 noon

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MidKent College

MidKent College based in the Medway Towns
and Maidstone is seeking to appoint outstanding individuals in the following areas:

Programme Area Leader in Catering and Hospitality Ref: P0544

Salary: £30,204 - £33,935 per annum

We are looking to recruit an exceptional candidate to provide support to the Head of School on all Staffing, Student, Curriculum and Quality issues. The successful candidate will be able to demonstrate a significant level of competence in Teaching and Learning, have experience of the industry and have good negotiating/communication skills. The post holder will hold or be willing to work towards a recognised teaching qualification.

Lecturer in Biology Ref: P0102

Salary: £25,895 - £29,622 pro rata

18.5 hours per week

We are looking to recruit an exceptional candidate to teach on and participate in the development of a range of Biology courses on Access, A levels and BTEC. The successful candidate will hold a relevant degree in Biology and possess or be willing to work towards a recognised teaching qualification. We are looking for an individual with the passion to motivate our learners within their chosen field.

Lecturer in Sport Ref: P0102

Salary: £25,895 - £29,622 per annum

The College is looking for a passionate and enthusiastic professional to join the Sports team to teach, assess and participate in the development of Sports programmes. The successful candidate will hold at least a level three qualification and have some teaching/training experience along side industrial expertise. They must hold or be willing to work towards a recognised teaching qualification.

Lecturer in Health Care Ref: P0650

Salary: £25,895 - £29,622 pro rata

18.5 hours per week

We are looking for a passionate candidate to be involved in the delivery of a range of Health Care programmes. The successful candidate will have proven knowledge and experience within Healthcare environments and hold or be willing to work towards a recognised teaching qualification.

Lecturer in Performing Arts Ref: P0651

Salary: £25,895 - £29,622 per annum

We are looking for an experienced, creative and dynamic individual to work as a course tutor within the Performing Arts department. The successful candidate will be involved with the development of the department, driving forward new ideas and must be able to demonstrate innovative ways of working and hold or be willing to work towards a recognised teaching qualification.

Departmental Administrator Ref: P0245

Salary: £12,795 - £16,059 per annum/pro rata

Full time – Medway Campus

Part Time – Maidstone Campus

We are looking to recruit an Administrator/Secretary with excellent administration and organisational skills, who is able to demonstrate knowledge of office procedures and ability to use MS office packages.

Closing date: Wednesday 8 July 2009

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IT TECHNICIAN

37 hours per week (ie full-time)

Salary at KCS Band 5, £16,793 to £18,471

A full time ICT Technician is required as soon as possible to assist the ICT Technical Manager in supporting around 400 computers on our curriculum and administration networks.

The networks run MS Office 2003 and a variety specific software in a Windows XP/Windows 2003 network environment using RM Connect 3 and SIMS. Duties will include hardware maintenance, software installation and support and technical support to users. The network has over 1000 user accounts and ICT is an essential resource for both teaching and the school management.

The successful candidate will need to demonstrate their own initiative as well as functioning as part of a team, practical knowledge and problem solving strategies, high quality interpersonal skills, sensitivity to the different levels of expertise in staff and the commitment to keep abreast of new developments in software and hardware.

Application forms and further details are available from the
Headteacher's Personal Assistant, Mrs M Tong Ralphs.

Completed forms should be returned by post, fax or email for the attention of
Mrs E Wilson, Headteacher no later than **2nd July 2009**.

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Full Time, Term Time only

The post involves covering staff sickness and training days at this mixed ability Academy. You will be required to cover all subjects as a floating teacher. We are seeking a strong candidate with a high level of initiative and strong classroom management skills.

SENIOR LAB TECHNICIAN

Kent Scheme 7 £20,262-£23,053 Pro Rata
Full Time, Term Time Only

This post involves co-ordinating the use and maintenance of practical resources and facilities. You will be required to provide assistance and advice to teachers, students and technicians regarding the practical needs of the Science Curriculum.

You will also be involved in supervising and directing the learning activities of groups of students to ensure their safety. You must therefore have a thorough understanding of Health and Safety procedures, especially relating to work in a laboratory, in order to actively contribute to the assessment, monitoring and review of Health and Safety procedures. The successful candidate will have excellent communication skills and the ability to relate well to both children and adults.

Application forms and job descriptions can be downloaded
from www.newlinelearning.com, or contact the
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Closing date is Monday 29th June 2009.

Only applications on the Academy application form will be considered. All posts are subject to a satisfactory enhanced CRB disclosure.

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Tel- 01843 863421 Fax- 01843 866652
Email- office@stone-bay.kent.sch.uk

DOMESTIC ASSISTANT REQUIRED

We are looking for a domestic assistant to join our team of cleaners. The successful candidate will be someone with high standards who is keen to work hard to maintain a clean and safe environment for our students and staff throughout the residential areas as well as classrooms and offices.

30 hours per week, 6.30am to 12.30pm, Monday to Friday – 52 weeks per year with 5 weeks paid holiday to be taken during the school holidays.

Salary Kent Scheme Band 1 points 1-3, £9,574 - £10,157 per annum (£6.12-£6.49 per hour).

You will be eligible to join the KCC pension scheme. Stone Bay School is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and the successful candidate will be required to have a CRB enhanced disclosure, and two references prior to starting.

For an application form and job description please telephone 01843 863421, write to Ann Hickmott, Stone Bay School, 70 Stone Road, Broadstairs, CT10 1EB, or e-mail to office@stone-bay.kent.sch.uk

Completed applications to be received by Friday 3rd July 2009.

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ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

37 hours per week (ie full-time) but Term Time and Development Days Only (i.e. 39 weeks per year plus paid holiday entitlement)
Salary at KCS Band 3, initially Point 7
Pro rata £11,897 (full time £14,099)

A flexible person is required as soon as possible to work as an administrative assistant within a busy school office. The candidate will be required to carry out a range of administrative tasks, but will mainly focus on tasks linked to the SIMS IT system and typing. The ability to work independently with initiative and discretion, but within the context of a team, is essential. Experience of working in an administrative capacity is essential.

Application forms and further details are available from the Headteacher's Personal Assistant, Mrs M Tong Ralphs. Completed forms should be returned by post, fax or email for the attention of

Mrs E Wilson, Headteacher no later than **2nd July 2009**.

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Duties include general maintenance of the buildings and grounds (including DIY), security, portering and some heavy work.

Applicants need to be aware that proposed building work and changes to the school site are likely to result in an extension of duties in the future.

Any offers of appointment are subject to an Enhanced Criminal Records Bureau (CRB) check. This school is committed to recruiting with care and safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment.

Contact **Mrs Smith, Office Manager**,
tel **01634 338700** or email
office@riverside.medway.sch.uk for an
application form and job specification.

CVs will not be accepted.

Applications Close: 10 July 2009
Interviews on: 17 July 2009



Ursuline College

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The Ursuline College Science laboratories are situated in a purpose built building, are fully equipped with excellent storage facilities, with the added benefit of a spacious technician work room.

Please apply for an application pack via email to:
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address to Mrs Tanya Utton, Headteacher.

Closing date: Thursday 9th July 2009
Interviews to be held Tuesday 14th July 2009

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Departmental Administrator

Medway

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School Cook

Hythe

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Pre-school Assistant

Medway

Salary: £12,629 pro rata
Closing Date: Friday, 3 July 2009
Grade D1. Starting salary £12,629 pro rata. 32 hours per week, term time only. Location: All Saints Sure Start Children's Centre Pre-school, Tramways Community Centre, 2 Tramways, Luton Road, Chatham, ME5 7LS All Saints Sure Start Children's Centre Pre-school has a vacancy for a qualified, experienced early years practitioner to join the Pre-school team which is based at a satellite building in Luton, Chatham. A minimum level 2 qualification relevant to the post and post qualifying work experience with children aged from 2 years to under 5 years of age is essential. The successful applicant will be confident to work with parents and a range of other professionals and have the drive and desire to provide the highest quality childcare and early learning experiences for young children. Any offer of appointment will be subject to a Criminal Records Bureau enhanced disclosure. If you would like to ask any questions about this vacancy please contact Christine Hogbin on 01634 338833. **Closing Date:** Friday, 3 July 2009. Interview date: week commencing, 20 July 2009 For an application pack or to apply visit www.medway.gov.uk or phone 01634 333333 Mon to Fri 8am - 8pm, Sat 9am - 1pm or 01634 332843 24-hour answerphone. Alternatively email jobs@medway.gov.uk quoting the reference.

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Part-time Play Workers

Medway

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Closing Date: 3 July 2009
Part-time Play Workers Job ref:CA0623 **Salary:** NJC 7-15 (£6.54 - £8.43 per hour) Location: Medway We are recruiting for two play workers to look after children aged 0-4 and ensure their safety at all times whilst their carers study in the same room. Courses are planned for Wednesday mornings, 9.15-11.45am for 15 weeks initially. Additional courses may be planned according to demand. Applicants should hold, or be working towards, NVQ Level 2 in Child Care, Learning and Development, have previous experience of looking after children and be prepared to work flexibly according to the needs of the Service. Knowledge of a minority ethnic language would be an advantage. For informal discussion or application pack for any of the part-time tutor posts, please contact Christine Osborne on 01634 338423 or email christine.osborne@medway.gov.uk **Closing date for all posts:** 3 July 2009 Any offer of employment for these posts will be subject to a satisfactory Criminal Records Bureau enhanced disclosure and personal references.
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To apply/more information: Martin Tait Redheads
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Tel: 020 8335 1700
Email applications@kosmedia.co.uk

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DOMESTIC ASSISTANT

Broadstairs

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To apply/more information: Stone Bay School
Quoting Job Ref: KOS
Tel: 01843 863421
Email office@stone-bay.kent.sch.uk

Caretaker

Medway
Salary: £14,891 - £18,937 pa
Closing Date: 10 July 2009
Riverside Primary School St Edmund's Way Rainham Kent Salary £14,891-£18,937 pa 37 hrs per week, split shift, plus o/time. Required as soon as possible. Duties include general maintenance of the buildings and grounds (including DIY), security, portering and some heavy work. Applicants need to be aware that proposed building work and changes to the school site are likely to result in an extension of duties in the future. Any offers of appointment are subject to an Enhanced Criminal Records Bureau (CRB) check. This school is committed to recruiting with care and safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment. Contact Mrs Smith, Office Manager, tel 01634 338700 or email office@riverside.medway.sch.uk for an application form and job specification. CVs will not be accepted. Applications Close: 10 July 2009 Interviews on: 17 July 2009

To apply/more information: Riverside Primary School
Quoting Job Ref: kos
Tel: 01634 338700
Email office@riverside.medway.sch.uk

Training Design Officer

Medway
Salary: c£35k plus benefits
Closing Date: 1 July 2009
MKC Training Services Ltd, a wholly owned subsidiary of MidKent College, delivers the trade, technical and

professional training for the Royal Engineers at Brompton Barracks. This 30 year contract was awarded in 2008 and following a review we now require a number of new staff to join us in this exciting venture. You will be able to demonstrate experience and appropriate qualifications gained within a Learning and Development environment and are looking for the opportunity to join an established team developing Construction and Engineering courses for a range of trade and technical disciplines within an MOD/Military environment. You will be joining an experienced and friendly team working within "first class" teaching facilities and be able to bring new skills and experiences to enhance the professional services already provided to the Royal Engineers at Brompton Barracks. Job Descriptions and Application forms can be found at www.midkent.ac.uk (follow RSME vacancies) Please forward completed applications to ken.pullan@midkent.ac.uk and/or call 07725 128661 for an informal discussion on any of these positions. Closing Date: 1st July 2009.

To apply/more information: Mid Kent College
Quoting Job Ref: kos
Tel: 07725 128661
Email ken.pullan@midkent.ac.uk

Senior Lecturer Electrical and Mechanical Engineering

Medway
Salary: c£45k plus benefits
Closing Date: 1 July 2009
We are looking for an experienced engineer with a background in Design and/or Maintenance in electrical and mechanical infrastructure and associated project management to teach and mentor Royal Engineer Officers to gain Chartered professional qualifications and Master level academic qualifications. You will hold CEng level in one or more of MIMechE, MIET/MCIBSE or at CEng and prepared to take Chartered Professional review. An MSc in Mechanical or Electrical discipline in preferred. Teaching qualifications are not essential and you will be fully supported to gain appropriate teaching accreditation. This is an exciting opportunity for a "seasoned engineer" looking to pass your skills and experiences onto a receptive core of students who provide the engineering leadership within the British Army. Job Descriptions and Application forms can be found at www.midkent.ac.uk (follow RSME vacancies) Please forward completed applications to ken.pullan@midkent.ac.uk and/or call 07725 128661 for an informal discussion on any of these positions.

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COVER SUPERVISOR/ ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

Gravesend
Salary: £11,847
Closing Date: 2nd July 2009
32.5 hours across a five day week (8.30 to 3.50). Term Time and Development Days Only (i.e. 39 weeks per year plus paid holiday entitlement) Salary at KCS Band 4, initially Point 11 Pro rata £11,847 (full time £15,984). A flexible person is required as soon as possible to work as a classroom cover supervisor and an administrative support for a busy school. The candidate will be required to supervise classes for most of their working day, while assisting with various administrative tasks the rest of their time. The ability to work independently with initiative and discretion, but within the context of a team, is essential. Experience of working with children and/or in an administrative capacity is desirable. Application forms and further details are available from the Headteacher's Personal Assistant, Mrs M Tong Ralphs. Completed forms should be returned by post, fax or email for the attention of Mrs E Wilson, Headteacher no later than 2nd July 2009 Pelham Road, Gravesend, Kent DA11 0JE Telephone: 01474 352896 Fax: 01474 331195 Website: www.gsgs.org.uk email: enquiries@gsgs.org.uk This school is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment.

To apply/more information: Gravesend Grammar School for Girl
Quoting Job Ref: KOS
Tel: 01474 352896
Email enquiries@gsgs.org.uk

Part time Internal Verifiers

Medway
Salary: £16.05 per hour
Part time Internal Verifiers Salary LNFA 8 (£16.05 per hour) Location: Medway We are recruiting for an experienced Internal Verifier to liaise with the allocated External Verifier and co-ordinate the provision of NVQs in Supporting Teaching and Learning in Schools (City & Guilds) and Children's Care, Learning and Development (City & Guilds) to Level 3. The successful candidate will be:

- Knowledgeable of the occupational area and requirements of the qualification and hold a D34 / V1 qualification.
- Knowledgeable of assessment

methodology.

- Prepared to work flexibly according to the needs of the Service and the learners to ensure that the course is fully delivered.
- Able to work at any venue within the Medway area as required.

For informal discussion or application pack for any of the part-time tutor posts, please contact Christine Osborne on 01634 338423 or email christine.osborne@medway.gov.uk Closing date for all posts: 3 July 2009 Any offer of employment for these posts will be subject to a satisfactory Criminal Records Bureau enhanced disclosure and personal references.

To apply/more information: Medway Council
Quoting Job Ref: KOS
Tel: 01634 338423
Email christine.osborne@medway.gov.uk

Part Time Tutors

Medway
Salary: £19.49 - £24.99 per hour
Closing Date: 3 July 2009
Part Time Tutors Salary LNFA 1-3 (£19.49 - £24.99 per hour) Location: Medway We are recruiting for enthusiastic part-time tutors to teach and participate in the development of programmes in the following areas:

- Jewellery and silversmithing with professional practical skills and design capability to teach beginners and experienced learners.
- Pottery with good throwing, hand-building and clay sculpture abilities together with a sound understanding of electric and gas firing kilns and appropriate glazes.
- Self defence to teach courses aimed at self-defence for women.
- Sage Payroll to teach Sage Payroll at introductory and intermediate levels. Previous experience of teaching Sage Payroll software would be an advantage.
- Customer Service Skills to plan and deliver short Customer Service Skills courses. Applicants should have previous experience of teaching Customer Service Skills up to Level 2.

Applicants should have previous experience of teaching Office Skills.

- Drama to teach acting skills to beginners and improvers.
- Salsa dance tutor to teach Salsa and other Latin American dances to beginners and improvers.
- Malaysian or Thai cookery
- Floristry to teach floristry courses to beginners and experienced learners.
- Construction/ bricklaying to deliver the BIEC First Certificate in Construction to 16-19 year old non-employed learners.
- Woodwork, plumbing and electrical tutors to deliver subject specialist courses as well as general DIY.
- Electrical inspection and testing tutor to deliver accredited City & Guilds, Level 3, courses in electrical inspection and electrical testing.
- Photography tutor to deliver the C&G 7511-01 (level 2: Unit 206 Principles of photo image capture, Unit 211 Photo image presentation). The course

aims to prepare learners for work in industry as well as developing photographic skills so good understanding of industry practice and requirements is essential.

- AQA Certificate in Counselling Skills Level 2. Applicants need to be a qualified, practising counsellor.
- Active IQ Level 2 Gymnstructor courses. Applicants should be qualified to teach gym instructing at Level 2.
- Computerised Accounts tutor to deliver our popular Computerised Accounts courses up to level 3 using the latest version of Sage software.
- Family learning tutors to deliver parent and child courses in the following subjects:
 - Belly dancing
 - Cookery
 - ICT
 - Fitness and sport

Applicants should have previous experience of working with children.

- Parenting tutor to teach an Understanding your child's behaviour course for parents and carers.
- Family Language (ESOL) tutor to plan and deliver Playing with Language courses. Applicants should have experience in delivering ESOL and working with adults and should be working towards or holding a L4/5 ESOL subject specialism qualification.
- Skills for Life ESOL subject specialists. Applicants should be working towards or holding a L4/5 ESOL subject specialism qualification.

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School Laboratory Technician (Science/Chemistry)

Medway
Salary: £14,891 - £18,937 per annum pro-rata
Closing Date: Wednesday 3rd July 2009
Grade: D2 - Salary: £14,891 - £18,937 per annum pro-rata Hours: 1 Technician 35 hours per week Term Time plus 5 inset days. Due to the retirement of current staff this highly successful grammar school requires a science technician who will be based in the chemistry department. You will be a motivated, conscientious and a reliable person able to work effectively as a member of a team as well as individually. Experienced in a laboratory environment with school technician experience an advantage. Offer of appointment is subject to a satisfactory Enhanced Criminal Records Bureau Disclosure. Please contact the school for an application form and job description by telephoning: 01634 844008 or e-mail office@sirjosephwilliamson.medway.sch.uk

To apply/more information: Sir Joseph Williamson's Mathematical School
Quoting Job Ref: KOS
Tel: 01634 844008
Email office@sirjosephwilliamson.medway.sch.uk

Programme Area Leader in Catering and Hospitality

Medway
Salary: £30,204 - £33,935 per annum
Closing Date: Wednesday 3 July

We are looking to recruit an exceptional candidate to provide support to the Head of School on all Staffing, Student, Curriculum and Quality issues. The successful candidate will be able to demonstrate a significant level of competence in Teaching and Learning, have experience of the industry and have good negotiating/ communication skills. The post holder will hold or be willing to work towards a recognised teaching qualification. Application forms and further details are available from www.midkent.ac.uk. Alternatively, please e-mail job.applications@midkent.ac.uk. For individuals without access to e-mail or the internet please call the Personnel department on 01634 884402 (24 hour answer machine). In all communication with the College please quote the appropriate job title and reference number. Mid-Kent College is an equal opportunities employer.

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Lecturer in Biology

Medway
Salary: £25,895 - £29,622 pro rata
Closing Date: Wednesday 8 July
18.5 hours per week We are looking to recruit an exceptional candidate to teach on and participate in the development of a range of Biology courses on Access, A levels and BiTEC. The successful candidate will hold a relevant degree in Biology and possess or be willing to work towards a recognised teaching qualification. We are looking for an individual with the passion to motivate our learners within their chosen field. Application forms and further details are available from www.midkent.ac.uk. Alternatively, please e-mail job.applications@midkent.ac.uk. For individuals without access to e-mail or the internet please call the Personnel department on 01634 884402 (24 hour answer machine). In all communication with the College please quote the appropriate job title and reference number. Mid-Kent College is an equal opportunities employer.

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Lecturer in Sport

Medway
Salary: £25,895 - £29,622 per annum
Closing Date: Wednesday 8 July
The College is looking for a passionate and enthusiastic professional to join the Sports team to teach, assess and participate in the development of Sports programmes. The successful candidate will hold at least a level three qualification and have some teaching/training experience along side industrial expertise. They must hold or be willing to work towards a recognised teaching qualification. Application forms and further details are available from www.midkent.ac.uk. Alternatively, please e-mail job.applications@midkent.ac.uk. For individuals without access to e-mail or the internet please call the Personnel department on 01634 884402 (24 hour answer machine). In all communication with the College please quote the appropriate job title and reference number. Mid Kent College is an equal opportunities employer.

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Lecturer in Health Care

Medway
Salary: £25,895 - £29,622 pro rata
Closing Date: Wednesday 8 July
18.5 hours per week We are looking for a passionate candidate to be involved in the delivery of a range of Health Care programmes. The successful candidate will have proven knowledge and experience within Healthcare environments and hold or be willing to work towards a recognised teaching qualification. Application forms and further details are available from www.midkent.ac.uk. Alternatively, please e-mail job.applications@midkent.ac.uk. For individuals without access to e-mail or the internet please call the Personnel department on 01634 884402 (24 hour answer machine). In all communication with the College please quote the appropriate job title and reference number. Mid-Kent College is an equal opportunities employer.

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Lecturer in Performing Arts

Medway
Salary: £25,895 - £29,622 per annum
Closing Date: Wednesday 8 July
We are looking for an experienced, creative and dynamic individual to work as a course tutor within the Performing Arts department. The successful candidate will



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be involved with the development of the department, driving forward new ideas and must be able to demonstrate innovative ways of working and hold or be willing to work towards a recognised teaching qualification. Application forms and further details are available from www.midkent.ac.uk. Alternatively, please e-mail job.applications@midkent.ac.uk. For individuals without access to e-mail or the internet please call the Personnel department on 01634 884402 (24 hour answer machine). In all communication with the College please quote the appropriate job title and reference number. Mid-Kent College is an equal opportunities employer.

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Laboratory Technician

Thanet
Salary: £13,959 - £15,826 pro-rata
Closing Date: Thursday 9rd July 2009

37 hours per week, Term Time only (38 weeks per year) Kent Scheme 3, Points 7-11 (£13,959 - £15,826 pro-rata). The successful candidate will join a hardworking, friendly Science team working within the College. Previous school experience would be an advantage, although not necessary as full training will be provided. We are looking for someone who can be flexible and adaptable in their approach to work, can work using their own initiative and who enjoys working as part of a team. The Ursuline College Science laboratories are situated in a purpose built building, are fully equipped with excellent storage facilities, with the added benefit of a spacious technician work room. Please apply for an application pack via email to: info1@ursuline.kent.sch.uk or in writing at the above address to Mrs Tanya Utton, Headteacher. Interviews to be held Tuesday 14th July 2009. Ursuline College is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expects all staff/volunteers to share this commitment. This post is subject to a CRB enhanced disclosure check.

To apply/more information: Ursuline College
Quoting Job Ref: kos
Email info1@ursuline.kent.sch.uk

Apprentices

Medway
Salary: £6,171
MidKent College based in the Medway Towns and Maidstone is seeking to appoint outstanding apprentices in the following areas: Customer Service, Administration, Plumbing, Carpentry/Joinery, Hairdressing, Painting and Decorating. Training allowance: £6,171

Successful candidates will work towards the apprentice framework including a relevant NVQ Level within their chosen subject. We are looking for enthusiastic individuals who will benefit from learning whilst working in a stimulating environment. All apprentice roles are to start 1 September 2009. Interviews are scheduled to take place the week beginning 20 July 2009. Closing Date: 20 July 2009. Application forms and further details are available from www.midkent.ac.uk. Alternatively, please e-mail job.applications@midkent.ac.uk. For individuals without access to e-mail or the internet please call the Personnel department on 01634 884402 (24 hour answer machine). In all communication with the College please quote the appropriate job title and reference number. MidKent College is an equal opportunities employer.

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Engineering, Manufacturing, Utilities

Engineering Programme Manager

Rochester

Salary: TBA
At IPS International we take education and training seriously, which is why we have been awarded Centre of Vocational Excellence (CoVE) status in Advanced Maintenance Engineering. We deliver apprentice and adult engineering training for major companies in Kent and throughout the UK. BTEC National Certificate Engineering Programme Manager We are looking for a suitably qualified person to join our team in the delivery of BTEC National Certificate in both Operations and Maintenance and Engineering at our Rochester training centre. You should have a graduate qualification or a minimum of an HNC in Engineering (electromechanical) or equivalent. Relevant industrial experience in an engineering context is important. Experience of teaching and managing in FE is required along with an understanding of the requirements of employer organisations. Experience of managing quality requirements of awarding bodies is essential. Strong organisation, management and communication skills are required along with good IT and presentation skills. IPS is a good company to work for; benefits include a friendly working environment, profit bonus, personal pension, life insurance, medical insurance and support for CPD training. Salary is negotiable and PART TIME OR FLEXIBLE WORKING is available depending on circumstances. To apply, email or post your CV with a covering letter.

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HR, Recruitment

HR Adviser

Medway
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Closing Date: Mid-day July 15th 2009

HR Adviser Salary - £29,559-£36,630 MidKent College has been providing 'top quality' education and training in Kent for almost 100 years. As one of Kent's largest further and higher education Colleges it is important that we also provide 'top quality' support for our managers and staff in this innovative and exciting environment. We are expanding our HR team to include professional, CIPD qualified HR Advisers, who will strengthen our provision of advice and guidance for managers and staff. We are looking to appoint experienced professionals who can support organisational change processes and have good knowledge of employment law, combined with strong generalist experience and knowledge in key areas of HR delivery. This will include employee relations, performance management, recruitment, workforce planning and organisational development. Our strong customer service focus requires excellent interpersonal skills and an ability to engage with people at all levels of the organisation, working to drive, develop and implement new HR policies and initiatives that support the delivery of 'top quality' education and training. For an application pack please contact Caroline Stark on 01634 884511 or e-mail caroline.stark@midkent.ac.uk. Application forms and further details are available from www.midkent.ac.uk. Alternatively, please e-mail job.applications@midkent.ac.uk. For individuals without access to e-mail or the internet please call the Personnel department on 01634 884402 (24 hour answer machine). In all

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Email caroline.stark@midkent.ac.uk

Information Tech, Internet, Telecoms

IT TECHNICIAN

Gravesend
Salary: £16,793 to £18,471
Closing Date: 2nd July 2009
37 hours per week (ie full-time) Salary at KCS Band 5, £16,793 to £18,471. A full time ICT Technician is required as soon as possible to assist the ICT Technical Manager in supporting around 400 computers on our curriculum and administration networks. The networks run MS Office 2003 and a variety specific software in a Windows XP/Windows 2003 network environment using RM Connect 3 and SIMS. Duties will include hardware maintenance, software installation and support and technical support to users. The network has over 1000 user accounts and ICT is an essential resource for both teaching and the school management. The successful candidate will need to demonstrate their own initiative as well as functioning as part of a team, practical knowledge and problem solving strategies, high quality interpersonal skills, sensitivity to the different levels of expertise in staff and the commitment to keep abreast of new developments in software and hardware. Application forms and further details are available from the Headteacher's Personal Assistant, Mrs M Tong Ralphs. Completed forms should be returned by post, fax or email for the attention of Mrs E Wilson, Headteacher no later than 2nd July 2009. Pelham Road, Gravesend, Kent DA11 0JE Telephone: 01474 352896 Fax: 01474 331195 Website: www.gsgs.org.uk email: enquiries@gsgs.org.uk This school is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment.

To apply/more information: Gravesend Grammar School for Girl

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Tel: 01474 352896
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Leisure, Tourism, Travel

Class Leaders

Faversham
Salary: £1000-£2500 per month
Interested In Health & Wellness? Class Leaders wanted for Arribal Wellness Clubs £1000-£2500 per month F/T or P/T Full Training Available. Call Sara on 01795 532201.

To apply/more information: Sara Jane Marmont
Quoting Job Ref: kos
Tel: 01795 532201
Email sassal62@gawab.com

Management, Senior Positions

Non-executive director

Kent
Salary: £7,882 pa
Closing Date: 10th July 2009
Non-executive director £7,882 pa for at least 2 days per month Ref: SE9721 Did you know that in some parts of West Kent the average life expectancy is 14 years less than in neighbouring areas? We think that's unacceptable and are doing all we can to raise health standards in all our communities and eliminate inequalities. We are also dealing with the challenges of an ageing population and an increasing number of people living with long term health problems. That is why we are seeking an exceptional person who has gained significant senior expertise in the public, private or voluntary sector to help us shape the future healthcare provision for the people of West Kent. You don't need any medical or NHS experience. You do need leadership skills of the highest calibre as you influence the way a near £1billion budget is utilised. We are particularly interested to hear from candidates with experience of developing and/or delivering services to under-privileged groups in any field. Find more information at www.peoplewho.org.uk or call 0870 240 3802 quoting the reference number for an information pack. We will also be holding an information session at Preston Hall, near Aylesford, on 24th June at 6pm and there are opportunities to have an informal telephone discussion with the Chair. Please phone Christine Goff on (01732) 375213 for information. Interviews: 7th September 2009.

To apply/more information: West Kent PCT
Quoting Job Ref: SE9721
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Nursing, Medicine, Care Work

Support Workers x 2

Dover

Salary: £9,389
Closing Date: Monday June 29th
Kent Refugee Action Network, Riverside Outreach Project Canterbury urgently requires to find 2 part time Support Workers to deliver a programme of Life Skills Training to Unaccompanied Asylum Seeking Children. These 2 year posts funded by the Princess Diana Memorial Trust are for 15 hours per week, paid on NJC point 28, giving an annual salary of £9,389 The hours may be subject to increase over the term. The work will initially be

required in Ashford and Canterbury and later spreading to other areas within the County. The successful applicants will probably come from a Teaching or Youth Work background but we are interested to hear from anyone with good practical and communication skills. Please contact our Project Manager, Revd Kenneth Berkin at ken.berkin@ntlworld.com or call Ken direct on 07854 409771 if you want to discuss these positions. Application forms may be obtained from the KRAN office at 9 Priory Road, Dover, Kent CT17 9RQ. Tel: 01304 215758 or ann@kran.org.uk The closing date for applications is Monday June 29th

To apply/more information: Kent Refugee Action Network
Quoting Job Ref: KOS
Tel: 01304 215758
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COMMUNITY CARERS

Kent

Salary: TBA
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To apply/more information: Meridian Care
Quoting Job Ref: kos
Tel: 01227 712300 or 01304 240424
Email meridiancbury@aol.com

Registered Nurse

Herne Bay

Salary: £10.75 per hour to £17.04 per hour
Closing Date: 13th July 2009
Take the opportunity to nurse, where you are expected and resourced to provide: • A person centred approach to independence, well-being and choice • Every hour of work is stretching and fulfilling • Nurses and therapists lead a complex service for people with physical disabilities, long term neurological and similar conditions • Your professionalism makes a difference • Your development is expected and supported • You will feel like you've changed your life for the better Strophe Park Foundation not-for-profit Charity status directs all resources back into the service you run and the award-winning working environment is superb. Salary Range £10.75 per hour to £17.04 per hour Fully Flexible 37.5 hours per week Holiday entitlement of 25 days Company pension scheme Call 01227 373292 for an informal chat with John Cotterill, Director of Care or alternatively email: recruitment@strodepark.org.uk for an application pack.

To apply/more information: Strophe Park Foundation
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Bank Staff

Herne Bay

Salary: £6.17 per hour to £6.83 per hour
Closing Date: 13th July 2009
Strophe Park Foundation has a new opportunity for Bank staff to offer care and support to people with physical disabilities. Great opportunity to work where you want! We offer a variety of shifts to suit your needs. Rates of pay from £6.17 per hour to £6.83 per hour Interested? Then visit our website www.strodepark.org.uk for more details or alternatively email: Sandra.Wiltshire@strodepark.org.uk

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Email Sandra.Wiltshire@strodepark.org.uk

Public Sector, Social Services

Curriculum Manager – Languages and Communication

Medway

Salary: £20,898 - £33,644 pa pro rata
Closing Date: 3 July 2009
Curriculum Manager - Languages and Communication Job ref:CA0650 Salary LNFA 4-15 (£20,898 - £33,644 pa pro rata) Hours: 33.3 hours per week Location: Medway
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The Insolvency Act 1986
GAM UPHOLSTERY LIMITED
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(In Creditors Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No. 03104897

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that I, Ruli Ellen Duncan of Kent House, Romney Place, Maidstone, Kent ME15 6LH was appointed Liquidator of the above named Company by the Members and Creditors on 24 June 2009.

R E Duncan, Liquidator

The Insolvency Act 1986
GAM UPHOLSTERY LIMITED
(Company Number 04748363)

Notice is hereby given, pursuant to Section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986 that a meeting of the creditors of the above-named Company will be held at Granville House, 49 The Mall, Faversham, Kent, ME13 8JW, on 3 July 2009, at 11.00 am for the purposes provided for in Sections 99 and 101 of the Act. Creditors wishing to vote at the meeting must lodge their proxy, together with a statement of claim, at the offices of Augusta Kent Limited, Granville House, 49 The Mall, Faversham, Kent, ME13 8JW, not later than 12.00 noon on 2nd July 2009. The proxy form and statement may be posted or sent by fax to 01795 538868. Secured creditors may only vote for the balance of the debt, which will not be recovered by enforcement of the security, unless right to enforce is waived. A list of the names and addresses of the Company's creditors will be available for inspection free of charge at the offices of Augusta Kent Limited, Granville House, 49 The Mall, Faversham, Kent, ME13 8JW on 1st July 2009 and 2nd July 2009 between the hours of 10.00 am and 4.00 pm. If no liquidation committee is formed, a resolution may be taken specifying the terms on which the liquidator is to be remunerated. The meeting will receive information about, or be called upon to approve, the costs of preparing the statement of affairs and convening the meeting.

Dated: 3 June 2009
Dean Marley, Director

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KENT COUNTY COUNCIL THE MARRIAGE ACT 1949 AND CIVIL PARTNERSHIP ACT 2004 APPROVED PREMISES FOR CIVIL MARRIAGES & CIVIL PARTNERSHIPS

An application has been made by Ms Saraff of Mabledon, London Road, Tunbridge Wells to Kent County Council, to grant an approval for a ceremony at this premise.

The application and plan of the premises may be inspected at the address below during normal office hours. Any person may give notice in writing of an objection to the grant of an approval, together with the reasons, within 21 days from the date of this newspaper.

Objections should be sent to the following address:

Giles Adey, Head of Registration
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TONBRIDGE & MALLING BOROUGH COUNCIL TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACTS – NOTICES OF APPLICATIONS

The following applications have been submitted to the Council and are being advertised for the reason(s) given in each case.

TM/09/00977/LB – Midwyche Cottage 233 Sandy Lane Snodland Kent ME6 SLG – Mr David Corner is applying for Listed Building Application: Replacement roof over modern conservatory and new en suite in existing roof room. Reason: LB

TM/09/01202/FL – Morrisons Supermarket New Hythe Lane Larkfield Aylesford Kent ME20 6PW – Wm Morrison Supermarkets PLC are applying for new service yard gates and fencing and new covered trolley bays within existing car park. Reason: PROW

TM/09/01293/LB – West House High Street Wrotham Sevenoaks Kent TN15 7AA – Mr Tim Martin is applying for Listed Building Application: Modify ground floor and first floor plans and change the design of roof lights approved in Listed Building Consent TM/01/01908/LB. Reason: LB CA

Reasons for the case being publicised:

LB Application relates to/affects a Listed Building or its setting
CA Application is within/affects a Conservation Area
PROW Application affects a Public Right of Way

These applications are displayed on our website www.tmbc.gov.uk – click on the button "Online Planning" (then View Existing Applications and select Public Access). You can submit your comments by emailing to planning.applications@tmbc.gov.uk (please quote the application number by the date set out below). Please note that we will publish a copy of any representations received on the Council's website, including your name and address.

Copies of applications listed may be seen during office hours (8.30 am and 5.00 pm Monday to Friday). Any applications within Hadlow, Hildenborough and Tonbridge are available at Tonbridge Castle, Tonbridge. Other applications are available at the office of the Director of Planning, Transport & Leisure, Gibson Building, Gibson Drive, Kings Hill, West Malling, Kent, ME19 4LZ. Any representations should be made in writing quoting the application number by 19 July 2009.

David Hughes
Chief Executive
28 June 2009



Highways - District of Ashford

KENT COUNTY COUNCIL
(EARLS AVENUE, ASHFORD) (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2009 THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Notice is hereby given that because of the installation of a new waste water pipe, the Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting traffic on Earls Avenue, Ashford, from 29 June 2009 for an estimated period of 4 weeks or until the works are complete.

The alternative route for through traffic will be via Earls Avenue, Harvey Road, Foxglove Road and Hythe Road. Pedestrian access will be maintained at all times, but vehicular access in Earls Avenue for residents will be restricted.

THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL
(HARVEY ROAD AND EARLS AVENUE, ASHFORD) (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2009 THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Notice is hereby given that because of the installation of a new wastewater pipeline, the Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting traffic on Harvey Road and Earls Avenue, Ashford, on or after 13 July 2009, for an estimated period of three weeks or until the works are complete. The Harvey Road closure is between the junction with Foxglove Road and House Field. Earls Avenue is closed at the junction with Harvey Road.

The alternative route for through traffic on Harvey Road will be via Foxglove Road, Hythe Road and Sprotlands Avenue. There is no diversion for Earls Avenue but access will maintained whenever safe to do so.

THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL
(VARIOUS ROADS, BOROUGH OF ASHFORD) (WAITING RESTRICTIONS AND STREET PARKING PLACES) (AMENDMENT No 12) ORDER 2009 ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984

NOTICE is hereby given that the Kent County Council, in excise of its powers under Sections 1, 2, 124 and Part IV of Schedule (of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, has made to make an Order the effect of which ;

1. Introduces “no waiting at any time” (double yellow lines) on following roads or lengths of road: Kipling Road, Tufton Walk, East Street and Regents Place.
2. Removes day time (single yellow lines) in East Street and Regents Place.
3. Introduces designated parking bays in West Street and Godinton Road (Ringway).
4. Introduces a Taxi Rank in Elwick Road.
5. Introduces a loading bay in Bank Street and in Godinton Road (Ringway).
6. Removes the prohibition of loading and unloading in Station Road

The Order was sealed on 22 June 2009 and will come into force 29 June 2009.

Full details are contained in the draft Order which, together with the relevant plans, any Orders amended by the proposals and a statement of reasons for proposing to make the Order may be examined on Mondays to Fridays at the Ashford Borough Council, Civic Centre, Tannery Lane, Ashford, between 9.00am and 5pm and at Invicta House, Maidstone.

Any person wishing to question the validity of the Order or any of the provisions contained therein on the grounds that it is not within the powers of the relevant enabling Act or that any requirement of any such enabling Act or of any regulations made thereunder have not been complied with may within 6 weeks from the date on which the Order was made make application to the High Court for this purpose.

Highways - District of Canterbury

THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL
(BOW HILL, UPPER HARDRES) (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2009 THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Notice is hereby given that because overhead cabling works are to be carried out, the Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting through traffic on Bow Hill, Upper Hardres between the junction of Catts Wood Road and the junction of Hardres Court Road, on 29 June 2009 for an estimated period of three days or until the works are complete.

The alternative route for through traffic will be via Catts Wood Road and Hardres Court Road.

THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL
(BIGBURY ROAD, CHARTHAM HATCH) (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2009 THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Notice is hereby given that because overhead power cable works are proposed to be carried out, the Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting through traffic on Bigbury Road, Chartham Hatch between the junction of Faulkners Lane to the junction of Denstead Lane on 1 July 2009 for an estimated period of one day or until the works are complete.

The alternative route for through traffic will be via Howfield Lane, A28 Ashford Road, Thanington Road, Rheims Way, Harbledown By-pass and Faulkners Lane.

THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL
(TOWER HILL AREA, WHITSTABLE) (EXPERIMENTAL TRAFFIC REGULATION) ORDER 2008

Notice is hereby given that KENT COUNTY COUNCIL has made the above named Order under Section 9 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, and of all other enabling powers, and after consultation with the chief officer of police in accordance with Paragraph 20 of Schedule 9 to the Act:

The Order, which will be in force for a maximum experimental period of 18 months, will:

1. Make Tower Hill one way north bound and east bound from its junction with Tower Parade to its junction with St Anne's Road.
2. Introduce a 7.5T weight limit, except for loading on the following lengths of road:

Tower Hill	entire length
Marine Parade	between its junctions with Tower Hill and St Anne's Road
Park Avenue	between its junctions with Marine Parade and Tankerton Road
Cliff Road	entire length
3. Introduce parking bays on the seaward side of Tower Hill

This is an amendment to the experimental Order which came into effect in March 2009. Following observations made by residents and members of the public it has been agreed that the one way system should extend to the junction with St Anne's Road, to relieve the current pressures on Park Avenue.

This Order was made on 22 June 2009 and will come into force on 29 June 2009

The Kent County Council will be considering in due course whether the provisions of this experimental Order should continue in force indefinitely.

Any alterations to this Order which will render it less restrictive may be authorised by the Head of Transport and Development, without the requirement to re-advertise the Order, under section 10(2) of the said Act, and after consultation with the chief officer of police.

Full details are contained in the Order which, together with the relevant plans, and a statement of the Council's reasons for making the Order, may be examined at the offices of the Kent Highway Services, Javelin Way, Ashford TN24 8AD; Canterbury City Council, Military Road, Canterbury; and Whitstable Divisional Office, Harbour Street, Whitstable.

Within the period of 6 months of the coming into force of the Experimental Traffic Order any person may object to this Order prior to making the Order permanent. If you wish to object to the Experimental Order you should send the grounds for your objection in writing to the Transportation Manager, Canterbury City Council, Military Road Canterbury CT1 1YW.

or by email to transportation @canterbury.gov.uk by noon on 21 December 2009.

Highways - Borough of Dartford

THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL
(MISKIN ROAD, DARTFORD) (PROHIBITION OF WAITING) ORDER 2009 ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984

NOTICE is hereby given that The Kent County Council has made an Order under Sections 1 and 2 and 124 of and part IV of Schedule 9 the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, the effect of which has prohibited the waiting of vehicles “At Any Time” on various lengths of Miskin Road, Dartford.

A copy of the Order which comes into operation on Monday 29th June 2009, an explanatory statement and a map showing the extents of the scheme may be inspected during normal office hours at the Kent County Council Office, Invicta House, Maidstone, Kent, ME16 1XX, and Dartford Borough Council Offices, Civic Centre, Home Gardens, Dartford Kent, DA1 1DR

Anyone may, by application to the High Court within 6 weeks of the date of publication of this Notice, challenge the validity of the Orders or of any provision contained in them on the grounds that it is not within the powers conferred by the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, or of any instrument made there under, or that there has been a failure to comply with any statutory requirement in relation to the Order.

KENT COUNTY COUNCIL
ROMAN VILLA ROAD, DARTFORD (TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC) TEMPORARY ORDER 2009 THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Notice is hereby given that owing to the likelihood of danger to the public whilst an event is held on or near the highway the Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting the use by vehicular traffic on Roman Villa Road between Rabbits Farm Road to Green Street Green Road.

The Order will become effective on 13th July 2009, will be in operation and remain valid for a maximum period of 18 months, the event will take place on 19th July 2009 and last for three hours commencing 9am. These restrictions will be effective when the appropriate signage is in place.

The alternative route for the route described above will be via: Roman Villa Road, Rabbits Farm Road, Shrubbery Road, Green Street Green Road.

The purpose of the closure is to facilitate a running race on the carriageway. For further information please contact Kent Highway Services on 08458 247 800.

KENT COUNTY COUNCIL
VARIOUS ROADS, DARTFORD (PRE PATCHING) (TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC) TEMPORARY ORDER 2009 THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Notice is hereby given that owing to the likelihood of danger to the public whilst works are carried out on or near the highway the Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting the use by vehicular traffic on various roads as noted in schedule 1.

The Order will become effective on 13th July 2009, will be in operation and remain valid for a maximum period of 18 months, the works are planned to last as noted in the attached schedule. These restrictions will be effective when the appropriate signage is in place.

The alternative routes for the routes described will be as noted in the schedule.

The purpose of the closures is to facilitate pre patching and ditching in preparation for surface dressing.

For further information please contact Kent Highway Services on 08458 247 800.

Schedule 1

Road Name	Extent	Dates	Diversion Route
Betsham Road, Southfleet	Westwood Road to Highcross Road	31st August 2009 for 2 weeks	Station Road, Dale Road, Hook Green Road, Highcross Road
Sandbanks Hill, Southfleet	Green Street Green Road to Highcross Road	13th July 2009 for 2 weeks	Green Street Green Road, Whitehill Road, Highcross Road
Highcross Road, Southfleet	Whitehill Road to Betsham Road	10th August 2009 for 3 weeks	Whitehill Road, Green Street Green Road, Sandbanks Hill

Highways - District of Dover

THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL
(B2011 FOLKESTONE ROAD, DOVER) (STREET PARKING PLACES) ORDER 2009 (PARKING PLACES) ORDER 2009 (PROHIBITION OF WAITING) ORDER 2009 ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984

NOTICE is hereby given that Kent County Council has made an Order under Sections 1, 2, 32, 35 and 124 of and part IV of Schedule 9 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, the effect of which would be to alter the position of the existing time limited parking bays and waiting restrictions on B2011 Folkestone Road, Dover to allow for the relocation and upgrade of the existing pelican crossing to a puffin.

A copy of the Order, which will come into operation on Monday 29th June 2009, an explanatory statement and a map showing the extents of the scheme may be inspected during normal office hours at the Kent County Council Offices, Invicta House, Maidstone, Kent, ME15 1XX a the Dover Town Council Offices, Maisto Dieu House Biggin Street Dover CT16 1DW and the Dover District Council Offices, White Cliffs Business Park, Dover, Kent, CT16 3PJ

Anyone may, by application to the High Court within 6 weeks of the date of publication of this Notice, challenge the validity of the Orders or of any provision contained in them on the grounds that it is not within the powers conferred by the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, or of any instrument made there under, or that there has been a failure to comply with any statutory requirement in relation to the Order.

THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL
(QUEENS GARDENS, DOVER) (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2009 THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Notice is hereby given that because new electrical mains works are proposed to be carried out, the Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting traffic on Queens Gardens, Dover from the junction with Worthington Street to the junction with New Street, outside and opposite 8 Queens Gardens on or after 14 July 2009 for an estimated period of 1 week or until such works are complete. The Order will remain valid for a maximum period of 18 months.

The alternative route for through traffic will be via Worthington Street, Biggin Street and Priory Street. Local access only to Queens Gardens via Worthington Street. No through access to New Street.

Highways - Borough of Gravesham

KENT COUNTY COUNCIL
VARIOUS ROADS, GRAVESHAM (PRE PATCHING) (TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC) TEMPORARY ORDER 2009 THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Notice is hereby given that owing to the likelihood of danger to the public whilst works are carried out on or near the highway the Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting the use by vehicular traffic on various roads as noted in schedule 1.

The Order will become effective on 13th July 2009, will be in operation and remain valid for a maximum period of 18 months, the works are planned to last as noted in the attached schedule. These restrictions will be effective when the appropriate signage is in place.

The alternative routes for the routes described will be as noted in the schedule.

The purpose of the closures is to facilitate pre patching and ditching in preparation for surface dressing.

For further information please contact Kent Highway Services on 08458 247 800.

Schedule 1

Road Name	Extent	Dates	Diversion Route
Leywood Road, Luddesdown	Whitehorse Lane to Luxon Road	13th July 2009 for 3 weeks	Whitehorse Lane, Dean Lane, Strawberry Hill
Luxon Road, Luddesdown	Lockyers Hill to Leywood Road	3rd August 2009 for 2 weeks	Lockyers Hill, Leywood Road

For further information, please contact Kent Highway Services,
on 08458 247 800 (local rate)
or visit www.kent.gov.uk/highways



Highways - Borough of Maidstone

THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL (A249 SITTINGBOURNE ROAD/DETILING HILL AND OTHER ROADS AT DETILING/ THURNHAM/ STOCKBURY) (TRAFFIC SPEED, TRAFFIC REGULATION AND ONE WAY ORDER) TEMPORARY ORDER 2009 THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

NOTICE is hereby given that because of the likelihood of danger to the public using a road the Kent County Council intends to make an Order restricting traffic speed, the regulation of traffic and the use by traffic as described in Schedule 1 and 2 hereto.

The order shall come into operation at times when required on 17th/18th/19th July 2009.SCHEDULE 1
(The Speed limits and Traffic Regulations)

- Traffic in excess of 50 mph shall be prohibited on Sittingbourne Road/ Detling Hill, Detling/ Thurnham/ Stockbury in both directions between its junction with the M20 roundabout (junction 7) and the M2 roundabout (junction 5), except at the locations stated in section 2 below.
- Traffic in excess of 40 mph shall be prohibited on Detling Hill, Detling/ Sittingbourne Road, Thurnham in both directions between the junction of Scragged Oak Road to the junction of Bimbury Lane.
- No person shall, except upon the direction of a Police Officer, cause or permit a vehicle to :-
 - Carry out a right hand turn from the A249 southbound into Scragged Oak Road.
 - Carry out a right hand turn from A249 northbound into South Green Lane.
 - Carry out a right hand turn or “U” turn on the A249 northbound at its junction with Rumstead Lane.
- The alternative routes for traffic affected by 3(i), 3(ii), 3(iii) above are either
 - via the roundabout at junction 5 of the M2 motorway
 - via the roundabout at junction 7 of the M20 motorway

SCHEDULE 2
(One Way Order)

No person shall, except upon the direction of a Police Officer, cause or permit a vehicle to proceed in the length of road specified otherwise than in the direction specified in Column 1 of Schedule 2 to this Order. The alternative route for the route described in Column 1 is described in Column 2 of that Schedule.

The affected route (Column 1)	The alternative route (Column 2)
Scragged Oak Road	Broader Lane and Hermitage Lane

One way from the junction with Hermitage Lane towards the junction with Broader Lane.

THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL (VARIOUS ROADS, BREDHURST) (20MPH SPEED LIMIT ZONE) ORDER 2009 (FORGE LANE, BREDHURST) (RESTRICTED ROADS) ORDER 2009 ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984

NOTICE is hereby given that the Kent County Council has made an Order under Sections 84 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, the effect of has imposed a 20 mph speed limit on parts of Dunn Street Road, Forge Lane, The Street and for the whole length of their subsequent side turnings except for Kemsley Street Road in Bredhurst Village, Maidstone which will remain a 30mph speed limit. Within the speed limit zone a new zebra crossing and a series of Traffic Calming Measures have also been installed.

A copy of the Order which shall come into operation on Monday 29th June 2009, an explanatory statement and a map showing the details of the scheme can be inspected during normal working hours at Invicta House, County Hall, Maidstone Kent, ME14 1XQ and at Maidstone Borough Council Offices, King Street, Maidstone, Kent, ME15 6JQ

Anyone may, by application to the High Court within 6 weeks of the date of publication of this Notice, challenge the validity of the Orders or of any provision contained in them on the grounds that it is not within the powers conferred by the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, or of any instrument made there under, or that there has been a failure to comply with any statutory requirement in relation to the Order.

Highways - District of Sevenoaks

KENT COUNTY COUNCIL OAK LANE, SEVENOAKS (TEMPORARY RESTRICTION OF TRAFFIC) TEMPORARY ORDER 2009 THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Notice is hereby given that owing to the likelihood of danger to the public whilst works are carried out on or near the highway the Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting the use by vehicular traffic on Oak Lane, Sevenoaks outside the property known as The Croft.

The Order will become effective on 29th June 2009, will be in operation and remain valid for a maximum period of 18 months, the works are planned to last four weeks from the date above. These closures and restrictions will be effective when the appropriate signage is in place.

The alternative route for the route described above will be via: Gracious Lane, Weald Road, Ashgrove Road, Oak Lane.

The purpose of the Order is to facilitate the replacement of a gas main.
For further information please contact Kent Highway Services on 08458 247 800.

KENT COUNTY COUNCIL HOLLY BUSH LANE, SEVENOAKS (TEMPORARY RESTRICTION OF TRAFFIC) TEMPORARY ORDER 2009 THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Notice is hereby given that owing to the likelihood of danger to the public whilst works are carried out on or near the highway the Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting the use by vehicular traffic on Holly Bush Lane, Sevenoaks between Dartford Road to Avalon Music Shop.

The Order will become effective on 29th June 2009, will be in operation and remain valid for a maximum period of 18 months, the works are planned to last 1 day and take place on 5th July 2009. These closures and restrictions will be effective when the appropriate signage is in place.

The alternative route for the route described above will be via: Dartford Road, Quakers Hall Lane, Bayham Road, Vine Court Road, Dartford Road

The purpose of the Order is to facilitate a customer service repair on behalf of BT.
For further information please contact Kent Highway Services on 08458 247 800.

Highways - District of Swale

THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL (DEERTON STREET, FAVERSHAM) (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2009 THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Notice is hereby given that because electrical works are proposed to be carried out, the Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting traffic on Deerton Street, Faversham from the junction with Lower Road to outside Nichol Farm on or after 13th July 2009 for an estimated period of 11 days or until such works are complete.

The alternative route for through traffic will be via Lower Road, Conyer Road, Teynham Street, and Marsh Lane.

THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL (LOVE LANE, MINSTER, SHEPPEY HOSPITAL) (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) ORDER 2009

Notice is hereby given that KENT COUNTY COUNCIL propose to make the above named Order under sections 1(i) and (2), 2(1) to (3) and 3(2) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, and of all other enabling powers, and after consultation with the chief officer of police in accordance with Paragraph 20 of Schedule 9 to the Act:

The proposed Order will have the following effect of introducing a prohibition of driving in :-

LOVE LANE	from a point 2 metres south of the junction with Haywood Avenue/Nunnery Grove (south)to the junction with Cliffhouse Avenue/Nunnery Grove (north).
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Full details are contained in the draft Orders which, together with the relevant plans, any Orders amended by the proposals and a statement of reasons for proposing to make the Orders may be examined on Mondays to Fridays at Technical Services, Council Offices, Swale House, East Street, Sittingbourne, Kent, ME10 3HT 12 noon on Monday and at Invicta House, Maidstone.

If you wish to offer support for or object to the proposed Order you should send the grounds in writing to Robert Mowl, Kent Highway Services, Ashford Highway Depot, Javelin Way, Henwood Industrial Estate, Ashford, TN24 8AD or by email to Robert.mowl@kent.gov.uk by noon on Monday 20 July 2009.

THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL (VARIOUS ROADS) (PROHIBITION AND RESTRICTION OF WAITING) (AMENDMENT No. 3) ORDER 2009

Notice is hereby given that KENT COUNTY COUNCIL propose to make the above Order under sections 1(i), 2(1) to (3), 3(2), 4(1) and (2) and 53 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, and of all other enabling powers, and after consultation with the chief officer of police in accordance with Part III of Schedule 9 to the Act:

In this Notice “DYL” means no waiting at any time.

The effect of the proposed Order will further amend the Swale Borough Council (Various Roads) (Prohibition and Restriction of Waiting) Order 1988 and introduce no waiting at any time “double yellow lines” as follows

Wards Hill Road, Minster - DYL on the north-east side from a point 5 metres north-west to a point 80 metres south-east of the junction with Haywood Avenue.

Haywood Avenue, Minster - DYL on both sides from the junction with Wards Hill Road for a distance 10 metres in a north easterly direction.

Full details are contained in the draft Orders which, together with the relevant plans, any Orders amended by the proposals and a statement of reasons for proposing to make the Orders may be examined on Mondays to Fridays at Technical Services, Council Offices, Swale House, East Street, Sittingbourne, Kent, ME10 3HT 12 noon on Monday and at Invicta House, Maidstone.

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THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL (LOVE LANE, MINSTER, SHEPPEY HOSPITAL) (20MPH SPEED LIMIT) ORDER 2009

Notice is hereby given that the KENT COUNTY COUNCIL proposes to make the above named Orders under section 84(i), (2) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, (hereinafter called the Act? and of all other enabling powers, and after consultation with the chief officer of police in accordance with paragraph 20 of Part III of Schedule 9 to the Act,

The effect of the proposed Order will introduce a 20 mph speed limit in Sheppey Hospital Development on the following roads:

Haywood Avenue	Entire length
Lady Winter Drive	Entire length
Cliffhouse Avenue	Entire length
Nursery Grove	Entire length

Full details are contained in the draft Orders which, together with the relevant plans, any Orders amended by the proposals and a statement of reasons for proposing to make the Orders may be examined on Mondays to Fridays at Technical Services, Council Offices, Swale House, East Street, Sittingbourne, Kent, ME10 3HT 12 noon on Monday and at Invicta House, Maidstone.

If you wish to offer support for or object to the proposed Order you should send the grounds in writing to Robert Mowl, Kent Highway Services, Ashford Highway Depot, Javelin Way, Henwood Industrial Estate, Ashford, TN24 8AD or by email to Robert.mowl@kent.gov.uk by noon on Monday 20 July 2009.

KENT COUNTY COUNCIL ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT, 1984 (ZEBRA CROSSING - WARDS HILL ROAD, MINSTER)

Notice is hereby given that Kent County Council, as local traffic authority, and after consultation with the chief officer of police, propose to establish a crossing (Zebra) for pedestrians under Section 23 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, and of all their enabling powers, as follows:

WARDS HILL ROAD, MINSTER

6 metres north west of the junction with Hawood Avenue, Minster.

Dated 16 June 2009

Graham Currie

Highway Agreements Manager

Highways - District of Thanet

THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL (NEWCASTLE HILL, RAMSGATE) (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2009 THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Notice is hereby given that because new electrical supply works are proposed to be carried out, the Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting traffic on Newcastle Hill, Ramsgate from outside and opposite 2 Newcastle Hill on or after 13th July 2009 for an estimated period of 1 week or until such works are complete. The Order will remain valid for a maximum period of 18 months.

The alternative route for through traffic will be via King Street and Plains of Waterloo.

Highways - Borough of Tonbridge and Malling

THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL (VARIOUS ROADS, TONBRIDGE & MALLING) (WAITING RESTRICTIONS AND ON-STREET PARKING (AMENDMENT 1) ORDER 2009

Notice is hereby given that the KENT COUNTY COUNCIL, acting as the local traffic authority and in exercise of its powers under Sections 1, 2 & 4 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 as amended, and of all other enabling powers and after consultation with the Chief Officer of Police in accordance with Part III of Schedule 9 to the said Act, made the above Order on the 23rd June, 2009.

The Order will introduce no waiting ‘at any time’ prohibition (double yellow line) to prevent parking at unsuitable places and reinforce the rules of the Highway Code at certain locations in Thorn Close and Robin Hood Lane (Blue Bell Hill Village) Pratling Street, Hermitage Lane, Coldharbour Lane, London Road (A20), Teapot Lane, Elm Walk, Burnt Ash Road, Mills Road, Wealden Way, Lake Road, Friars View and Millhall in Aylesford; London Road (A20), Bradbourne Lane, Orchard Grove and Cobdown Close in Ditton; Cottenham Close and Mill Street in East Malling; Tonbridge Road (A26), Love Lane, in Wateringbury; London Road (A20) and White Hill in Wrotham; High Street (A26) and Carpenters Lane in Hadlow; Nizels Lane in Hildenborough; and Yardley Park Road and Chiltern Way in Tonbridge.

In addition, the Order will upgrade existing no waiting Monday - Saturday, 8 am to 6 pm restrictions (single yellow lines) to no waiting ‘at any time’ prohibition (double yellow lines) on the east side of Waterloo Road, opposite its junction with Douglas Road in Tonbridge.

The Order also introduces no waiting restriction Monday to Friday, 12.00 noon to 1.00 pm (single yellow lines) in Thorn Close, Blue Bell Hill Village, Aylesford to preserve and improve environmental and amenity facilities in a residential area.

The Order will contain the usual exemptions to enable a vehicle to wait with police permission or for passengers to board or alight, for the loading and unloading of goods, for enabling work to be carried out in or adjacent to the road, for disabled persons and for emergency vehicles.

A copy of the Order together with a map, a copy of any Orders which will be amended by the Order, and a state of reasons for making the Order, may be inspected during normal office hours at the offices of Tonbridge and Malling Council Offices, Kings Hill, West Malling or Tonbridge Castle, Tonbridge and the Kent County Council, Invicta House, County Hall Maidstone Kent.

Anyone wishing to question the validity of the Order or of any of its provisions on the grounds that they are not within the powers conferred by the Act of 1984 as amended, or that any requirement of the Act of 1984 or any instrument made there under has not been complied with may, within six weeks from the date of the Order, make application for that purpose to the High Court. The Order will come into effect on Monday 29th June, 2009.

Highways - Borough of Tonbridge & Malling

THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL (FOOTPATH BETWEEN LEIGH ROAD & ASHLEY ROAD, HILDENBOROUGH) (PROHIBITION OF PEDESTRIANS) TEMPORARY ORDER 2009 THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

NOTICE is hereby given that because works are proposed to be carried out the Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting the use by pedestrian traffic on the footpath that runs between Ashley Road and Leigh Road on or after Monday 13th July 2009 when required for a period of up to 6 weeks or until such works are complete.

The alternative route for the route described for pedestrians is via Leigh Road, Brookmead, Ashley Road and vice versa.

Southern Gas Networks apologise for any inconvenience caused by these essential works that are for gas mains replacement. Should you require any further information about these works, their contact is John Adsley on 07774 983419.

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INSIDE

Don't be frenetic with ECONetics

By **STEVE LOADER**

AERODYNAMIC tweaks on Ford's latest ECONetic range can lead to a reality check.

Unlike some rivals, the UK market leader has avoided emasculating the powertrains of these greener versions of best-selling models; allied with the more slippery bodywork you soon find the cars barrelling along nicely until the low rolling resistance harder-compound tyres shriek their protest on corners.

Quite right though. These cars are all about economy and the environment; we need to learn new habits and the ECONetic series is a fairly painless way to learn them.

So far, 'eco' versions of popular models have been a mixed bag.

Some amount to the motoring equivalent of joining a monastery, with spaced-out gear ratios to wring out the most economical and glacier-like acceleration, plus tyres that are motoring's equivalent of sandals – light on the feet, but likely to trip you if you hurry.

Ford's approach though is more pragmatic, easy to take and neatly parcelled up and marketed under the ECONetic sub-branding.

I've tried ECONetic versions of the three key Ford models: the newly-launched Fiesta supermini, the Focus family hatch – the peren-



nial UK number one seller – and the resurgent Mondeo family model.

The Fiesta is the most impressive; since launch late last year the overall range has become Ford's best-seller, helped by a stunning design and overall package as well the drive for cheaper motoring.

We wait to see whether this demotes the Focus to number two permanently, but it comes as no surprise the Fiesta 'hair shirt' (from £13,795) version toes the line for the range; it

feels upmarket to be in and drives well.

The Fiesta body is already slippery and the ECONetic's aerodynamic tweaks – lowered sports suspension, rear spoiler, deflectors and wheel covers – make it feel like the car will run and run once it has reasonable momentum from the 1.6TDCi 90PS (89bhp) diesel.

While the engine feels lively, 98g/km of CO2 emissions exempt it from road tax and it should average well over 70mpg, if you don't try to find the devil in this saintly Fiesta and make those tyres squeal.

A less dramatic reminder to mend your motoring ways can be found on any Ford ECONetic dashboard – an indicator highlighting the optimum gear change point for best economy.

Apart from vocal yet fuel-saving tyres there is little else that offends with ECONetics apart from a higher price than their standard equivalents – the Focus version starts at a whopping £18,145 and the Mondeo equivalent from £20,295, though Ford list prices are always optimistic.

Ford admits it could have screwed down tighter on ECONetic emissions and economy, but few people or companies would then bother to buy – it seems 'greening' our motoring will be in steps rather than a giant leap.



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FIRST GEAR

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Red-blooded 'Z-Car' bucks greener trend

LIKE most manufacturers, Nissan is polishing green credentials at present.

It launches a greener diesel next year and aims to be a leader in electric vehicles.

So where does that leave its latest 'Z' sports car, arriving in July with an efficient, but no doubt thirsty, 328bhp 3.7-litre engine?

For those who can afford to run it and justify it though, the new Nissan 370Z is something of a steal priced from £26,895.

While the looks are clearly derived from its brutish 350Z predecessor, the new car is classier and engineers have done away with the ugly bracing strut across the rear of the cabin.

The car comes laden with kit even in entry grade and the mix of rear-wheel drive plus throaty engine does not disgrace the 'Z' lineage.

But will it be the last of its type?



Eco Lexus 4x4 grows greener

LEXUS has axed the RX400h SUV (sports utility vehicle) hybrid just as its market potential was being fully realised.

The reason? It has an even better one arriving in July.

The new RX 450h (from £41,600) has 10 per cent more power and nearly 30 per cent better fuel economy.

The 'Lexus Hybrid Drive' mostly swaps between the 3.5-litre V6 petrol and twin electric motors to offer the best fuel consumption, but both powertrains can link to deliver V8 performance if needed,

helped by the fact that electric units provide instant torque.

Total output is 295bhp with a 0-62mph in 7.8 seconds, yet the car averages around 45mpg – making it the most fuel efficient SUV on sale – while CO2 emissions of 148g/km mean just £125 in road tax – matching a 1.6-litre petrol family hatchback.

This highlights far bigger savings for company car user choosers who will pay at least half as much BiK (Benefit in Kind) and other tax on the Lexus as they would on most upmarket rivals.



XJ era ended – and extended

JAGUAR is expected to both end an era yet carry it forward on Thursday, July 9.

The British marque will then unveil its all-new XJ flagship and though we have only had the sneak preview pictured here, the styling is expected to be an even bigger break with tradition than last year's S-Type replacement, the stunning XF.

This will be a decisive victory for those who long

sought to modernise the brand's icon after a hard-fought rearguard action by traditionalists; while Jaguar stylists heeded these lobbyists, the likes of Mercedes-Benz, BMW, Audi and even Maserati have taken market share from the British sporting saloon.

Can the cat claw back its share? If surging sales of the XF are anything to go by, then the signs are good.



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DrivingReview

by
STEVE LOADERCHIEF DRIVING CORRESPONDENT
steve.loader@kosmedia.co.uk**Citroën C4 Grand Picasso**

COINCIDENTALLY, we drove this week's test car just as it earned an important accolade.

The Citroën C4 Grand Picasso was rated 'best in class' MPV in the influential What Car? Magazine/JD Power customer satisfaction survey.

And while I would love to be Mr Awkward, I found myself agreeing and realising how much the French marque's founder André Citroën would have been pleased by it.

For, in the great tradition of the man himself, the Picasso is a triumph of unconventionality, with dramatic styling for an MPV and lots of interior trickery to make it one of the most versatile people carriers on the market.

The cabin seems huge – specify the £610 full-length panoramic roof and the feeling is multiplied – and there is plenty of stowage, with huge lidded bins either side of the dashboard.

Comfortable seats complement the ride quality and refinement and the three in the middle row can be adjusted and slid forwards and aft quickly and separately while



the floor is flat across the whole width.

They also flip and slide easily to allow access to the rearmost pair, though making use of these – as with all but the most gargantuan seven-seaters – leaves minimal boot space so the Grand Picasso is best suited to a family of five who need that third row occasionally.

The dashboard mixes flair and sound arrangement and, as usual, I was struck by the practicality of Citroën's now familiar yet

unusual fixed-hub steering wheel, pioneered on the C4 hatchback.

The founder would no doubt approve and the feature is a particular virtue on the Grand Picasso I was persuaded to drive by the Maidstone branch of Wilmoths Citroën, which featured the brand's EGS semi-auto gearbox mated with a 1.6-litre petrol engine.

Now, I would be the first to suggest that you buy an MPV with a diesel engine for economy

and low-down grunt, to cope with the likelihood of heavy loads and Citroën offers some of the best diesels in the business.

However, you need to cover more miles to recover slightly higher upfront costs and the fuel itself is dearer at the pumps, while heavier engines can change the dynamics of the car.

In the case of the Picasso, there is not much choice on the diesel automatic front either, so the lively 150bhp petrol engine (0-62mph in

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10.2 seconds) fitted with Citroën's EGS gearbox starts to look attractive.

The six-speed unit is both manual and auto; it can be driven in fully automatic mode or as a clutchless manual using a sequential lever or paddle shifts either side of the stationary steering wheel hub – as I said, an added virtue here.

Wilmoths general sales manager at Maidstone, Kelvin Clayton, said: "Even I didn't like the sound of this combination at first, but

the 1.6 engine has plenty of go and the gearbox learns your style of driving.

"The proof of the pudding is that most people who try the EGS gearbox end up buying one, and we have had just one complaint – from someone who bought from another dealer that obviously hadn't explained and demonstrated the system properly."

Amazingly, the EGS can memorise up to four different drivers of the car; once it has your

'number' it recognises who has slipped behind the wheel and adopts the correct mode.

Even better, the EGS is claimed to deliver greater economy than a conventional manual as well as low emissions to make this petrol auto a reasonably 'green' option.

Our mid-range VTR+ model is priced at £19,855, but Wilmoths currently has a £1,500 discount promotion on Grand Picassos and zero per cent finance.

DrivingStats

- Citroën C4 Grand Picasso 1.6 THP 16v VTR+ £19,855
- Range: £14,995-23,295
- Garage stats: 4.59m by 1.83m seven-seat MPV
- Powertrain: 1,598cc/150bhp four-cylinder petrol engine driving front wheels through a six-speed electronic gearbox
- Performance: top speed 127mph and 0-62mph in 10.2 seconds
- How green?: group H (£175/year) road tax - 173g/km CO2 emissions
- Official fuel figures: combined 38.7mpg
- Euro NCAP occupant safety rating (0-5 stars): *****
- Fuel tank: 60 litres/13.2gallons
- Insurance group: 10
- Warranty: three years/60,000miles.
- Website: www.citroen.co.uk
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WE MAY have seen the worst of the current recession – according to experts and businessmen in Kent.

Nine months into the stagnation that has seen hundreds of thousands of people nationwide become unemployed, dozens of businesses fold and massive amounts of savings lost – it seems as if there could be light at the end of a dark economic tunnel.

Kent university doctor of economics Miguel Leon-Ledesma revealed that average forecasts indicate there could be some sort of improvement in under a year's time.

But he warned against relying on predictions and added that more pain was to come.

"We are in the middle of a very deep recession," he said. "This is deeper than the last one in the early 90s because of the accompanying financial crisis.

"The decline in output is similar to the late 70s when Margaret Thatcher was coming into power. We can expect to see a lot more unemployment, even when the recession ends, because this is usually typical of a recession.

"Trying to predict when it will start to ease off is a bit like saying where lightning will next strike in a huge storm. Many forecasts seem to be saying between the last quarter of this year and the first quarter of 2010."

He revealed that the Gross Domestic Product (GDP) – the economic output in Britain – had fallen by 4.1 per cent over the last year and that the recession had been com-

Experts say we may be over worst of the



pounded by the banking crisis which had seen many savers lose millions.

Simon Webster, managing director of Facts and Figures Financial Planners Ltd in Wye, said people and businesses in Kent had been hit hard in three ways.

He thinks, firstly, that savers, especially elderly people who had put away money for a rainy day and hoped to live comfortably on the interest had been hit hardest.

He said: "The Government has moved

extremely quickly to lower interest rates and help those in debt. It seems as if stupid people who have got themselves into debt, myself included, have been helped.

"But those who have been careful their whole lives have suffered because the banking crisis has meant saving is no longer a sure way to make money in the long run.

"Those over 65 relying on savings have been hit hardest. By and large, they are the single biggest losers in Kent because of the recession."

The high number of Kent people working in doomed financial institutions has been the next biggest casualty of the recession, according to Mr Webster.

He said: "Huge amounts of people in financial services have lost their jobs and they make up a large section of the population in Kent.

"And of course, getting back into work is doubly hard because so many have been let go and aren't replaced. There are fewer vacancies in the South East – it's a difficult time to find work."

A booklet published by the Government this year, Real Help for the South East, sets out the problems faced by ordinary people and businesses in the region.

Under a chapter called The Crisis, it reads: "Banks in towns and cities are not working as they used to. Local businesses are not able to get loans and finance and mortgages that were advertised all over our high streets only months ago are now much harder to find."

Dr Leon-Ledesma said recessions usually happen every six or seven years, but that the latest had come after an extraordinarily long 15 years.

He said: "Governments usually respond to recessions by adopting expansionary macro-economic policies, such as increasing money supply, increasing government spending and decreasing taxation.

"What happens in the coming months depends on Government policy. They are policing interest rates at an historical low so there's little it can do in terms of fiscal policy. It appears they have done all they can.

"Perhaps the key to ending the recession will be in raising consumer confidence and business confidence."



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What price justice?

Legal eagle warns cheaper 'one-stop-shops' lack quality of traditional high street law firms

By **JAMES BENJAMIN**

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THE head of a Bromley-based solicitors has come out fighting in the battle against new cheap 'supercentre' law firms, which he claims will not match the quality of high street companies.

New reforms under the Legal Services Act 2007 will enable big companies like supermarkets and motoring organisations to own law firms or employ lawyers to offer legal services directly to their customers.

Many firms fear the advent of 'supercentre' firms could spell the beginning of the end for high street law companies who would not be able to compete with the sheer volume of cases which could be taken on by large firms in a 'production-line' fashion.

Bamboozled

David Green of MTA Solicitors is concerned the public may become "bamboozled" by the prices offered by such firms, should they spring up over the coming years.

Supermarket giant Tesco has already teamed-up with a legal publishing firm with the stated aim of helping to provide anyone with a legal problem with "a solution as quickly and cheaply as possible".

The Tesco website offers DIY books and CD-Roms, with Last Will and Testament Kits and Separation and Divorce kits priced at £14.99 each.

However, the supermarket giant says if its products can't help customers "solve it for yourself" then "we hope to be able to help you understand the issue better and put it clearly to a professional. That saves time which means it saved you money."

The Co-op already offers legal services, with the firm's website saying: "We are an alternative to high street solicitors, dedicated to widening and easing public access to legal provision."

"Our experts provide a trusted source of legal advice over the phone, offering straightforward services at reasonable prices."

"Services cover the will writing, managing probate, moving home, legal assistance with personal injury claims, and employment claims."

"Free legal advice is provided with these services without obligation and in complete confidence."

However Mr Green said: "In short – quality costs, and for something as essential as good legal advice and support, it is worth paying for."

"With increased choice, consumers are being bamboozled with promises of quick and cheap legal services, ranging from 'bucket-shop' conveyancing to an 'off the shelf' divorce."

However he warned: "Buying from a one-stop-shop at the cheapest price may represent a false economy. Most cases require the added extras that are already built in when using a local practice, including face-to-face consultation, and the many significant benefits of local experience."

Mr Green said local firms would cost more, but claimed they would provide customers with a better service.

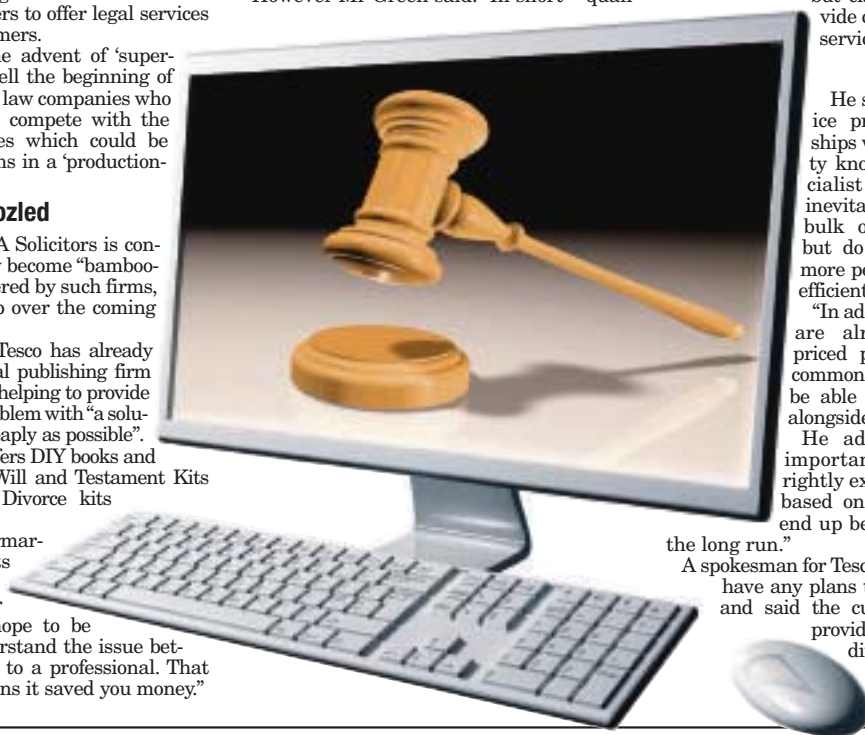
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He said: "Smaller law service providers and partnerships with existing community knowledge and more specialist experience will inevitably cost more than the bulk off-the-shelf providers, but do give the consumer a more personalised and a more efficient service."

"In addition, many local firms are already offering fixed-priced products for the most common requirements, and will be able to remain competitive alongside the large retailers."

He added: "Good value is important and consumers rightly expect it, but a purchase based on low price alone may end up being the most costly in the long run."

A spokesman for Tesco said the firm does not have any plans to launch legal services and said the current self-help guides provide: "A very limited and different service to that offered by high street firms."



Careers day result for accountancy hopeful

A MAIDSTONE student has been given an exciting career opportunity through a scheme that promotes greater working relations between schools and businesses.

Daniel Haynes, a pupil at St Simon Stock Catholic School, is embarking on a career as an accountant after taking advantage of a scheme called Young Chamber.

Young Chamber is a national project run locally by the Kent Invicta Chamber of Commerce, which aims to connect schools and businesses and provide valuable skills to the employees of tomorrow.

Around 30 businesses supported a Young Chamber-organised Careers Day in November, giving students the chance to see what careers were open to them and what qualifications and skills were needed to take up the opportunities.

DSH Chartered Accountants and Business Advisors, based at Eclipse Park in Maidstone, took part and through the newly-forged link pupils were made aware of a training scheme for school leavers at the firm.

After applying, Daniel was hired as a trainee accountant with a salary, on-the-job training and the chance to study for recognised qualifications.

He said: "I can now pursue my chosen career path without the need to go to university full-time."

Funding shot in the arm for blood testing

A MEDICAL diagnostic company is celebrating after securing an additional multi-million pound funding package.

The benefits should mean a faster turn around for patients attending doctors' surgeries for blood tests.

Vivacta, based at Kent Science Park in Sittingbourne, has secured a further £2.8m to commercialise its blood testing device.

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GARETH DORRIAN

spoke to experts in Kent to find out the truth

A TIME of pointed uncertainty has not made a significant dent in the commercial property market, experts said this week.

The buying of huge areas of land for ambitious projects has certainly slowed in Kent, but most other kinds of leasing and letting remain buoyant.

Many entrepreneurs hoping to expand have delayed their ambitions, with many even offering office space to smaller businesses.

Shane Meaker works for Rochester-based property specialists Michael Parkes Surveyors.

He said: "Deals are still being done. I think the rental market for office space is

'The reluctance to take risks is because of the economic uncertainty'

pretty poor, but demand for commercial and industrial units is in good health.

"It's certainly true to say that fewer people are window-shopping, but the right amount of people are looking seriously at commercial property."

Mr Meaker thinks the credit crunch and its associated anxieties have been exaggerated by national coverage.

He has seen a lot of investment in property throughout Kent and thinks strife in the financial markets has led many people away from banks towards land and buildings, where long-term profits seem more assured.

He added: "I think we have got to the end of such a bad time for everyone and will now bump along the bottom for a while. But like most things, it will come to an end."

Piers Leigh is senior associate at London-based property consultants King Sturge.

He thinks the commercial property market in the South East, as a whole, has been going through probably its worst year for



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finalised deals or take-up since the last recession of the early 1990s.

"There seems to be a lot more interest in leaseholds than freeholds these days," he said.

"Tenancy agreements aren't as lengthy or severe these days, so you're not battling against people to stay out of a painfully long agreement.

"The phone is still ringing – it's not all doom and gloom."

Mr Leigh revealed that the three areas of commercial property – office, industrial and retail – had not been performing equally. He said demand for retail was not as depressed as you would expect, but that people looking at bigger property deals had fallen away considerably.

Locate in Kent is a publicly-funded agency based at Kings Hill, West Malling.

Its purpose is to help firms move to the area and the organisation's director of marketing and research, Mandy Bearne, is proud of the many projects Locate in Kent has in the pipeline.

She said: "We keep a record of how many projects we have and in the past the highest number we had on our books was 320. Currently we have 298.

"That's well above what it has been over the last five-and-a-half years."

She admits there is a clear drop in businesses wanting to build something big and new in Kent.



BEST-LAID PLANS: Big-build projects in the county have been curtailed by the downturn

"In a month or a couple of months, it's going to be a struggle to find many projects over 10,000sq ft.

"There's the Eureka office space project in Ashford, which is going really well. But there's a recognisable lack of willingness to take a risk

in this climate. The problem which adds to this is the difficulty getting financial backing."

The lack of risk-taking is clearly down to economic uncertainty, she said, but one element of government legislation hasn't helped – the controversial empty rates tax introduced in last year's Budget.

It discourages developers from leaving a property empty, by charging a rate on the unused building.

"It was introduced because it was thought developers were leaving properties empty so they would gain in value," Mrs Bearne said.

"But this kind of tactic only seems to have worked in big cities, such as London.

"It applies to government and local authority buildings as well. It's really kind of stupid."

She added that another noticeable trend was companies with property sub-letting it to smaller firms, and therefore holding back on expansion.

She said: "The projects are still there. Property prices are reasonable in Kent, compared with other parts of the South East and the market is in not too bad health."



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Verdant earns top marks in service audit

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Neither shy nor retiring

IF YOU'RE thinking of retirement, think again – Britain's oldest working lawyer is still going strong at 87, **writes Chris Murphy**.

It was a chance opening at a Folkestone legal company which led to a new career for Yvonne Moore, and she has been with the same firm for 70 years.

Mrs Moore's story proves you don't always need a string of qualifications when you start out.

She said: "It was different in those days, but I worked hard and studied to be a legal executive lawyer at night school, and it paid off."

The spritely 87-year-old, from Folkestone, joined the Rootes and Alliott legal firm in 1939 as a temporary secretary, for six weeks to cover for a lad who was on National Service.

But when war broke out the soldier had to remain in the Army. Mrs Moore stayed put, and marked her 70th year at the firm this month.

She studied to be a legal executive lawyer at night school, through the Institute of Managing Clerks, now known as the Institute of Legal Executives, to turn from being a secretary to a fully-fledged lawyer.

Today at 87, she's at Rootes from 6am for six hours every day, working with clients and also on admin, a side of the business she knows better than anyone.

She said: "I do work hard still. It's better than staying at home on your own. I'm in good health and love it here. I get on with everyone and certainly know my way around."

Mrs Moore has only ever had one other job, and that was for six weeks as a secretary



MOORE THE MERRIER: Yvonne celebrates her 70th year with Rootes and Alliott

before joining Rootes. She said: "My parents thought it a good idea to join Rootes and Alliott as they had been dealing with Mr Alliott senior for some legal work and thought him a trustworthy gentleman."

"I never dreamed of becoming a lawyer, but after my mother died I wanted to stay at home and look after my father, so it made sense to continue in my career there. And studying through ILEX meant I didn't need A levels or to go to university, I could do it all at night school."

"I can't remember everyone's name who has come and gone in the company, but I can remember most of them. It's important to keep on the go, and I've been lucky enough to have

had fine health. Anyway, I can't give up, no-one knows the admin better than me."

A spokesman for the firm said: "Yvonne became a legal executive lawyer while working full time for us as a legal secretary, while studying at night school."

"She could never have dreamt of going to university or of becoming a lawyer through the university route. Back then university was for the very few, and women, especially from her background, didn't go. She also needed to be earning."

Mrs Moore said: "What's great is the way I studied all those years ago can still be done today. It doesn't matter if, like me, you weren't academic at school, or can't afford to go to university – you can still become a lawyer."

"These days it's through the Institute of Legal Executives, in my day it was called something else, but nothing else has changed – you just need determination and a good memory for facts. Without this I would have probably carried on as a secretary all my life, and I wouldn't have known any different."

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NOW could be the ideal time for landowners to capitalise on market conditions and invest for the future by constructing new buildings, **writes James Benjamin.**

That is the claim of Cary Wright, managing director of Aylesford-based South East Steel Ltd, who says firms can prepare for the projected upturn in the economy by beginning expansion plans now.

He said: "The recession has brought an abrupt halt to investment in a lot of business expansion plans.

"For many farmers and landowners looking to build or develop new storage facilities or outbuildings, this has been quite a difficult time to judge exactly when to invest in an additional or replacement commercial structure on their land."

However, he pointed to the announcement from independent economic think-tank the NIESR of a rise in growth levels in the UK in April and May, and figures from the Office for National Statistics of a rise in manufacturing output as signs that the worst of the recession has passed.

Optimistic

He says that with low interest rates making borrowing cheaper, the price of raw materials falling and a forecast for low inflation remaining optimistic, this could be "the window of opportunity to dust off plans to replace outbuildings or expand your business".

Mr Wright says steel buildings could be a quick and inexpensive option for firms.

He said: "Low raw material costs and ease of construction mean these buildings can be installed in a matter of days.

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He said other benefits of the material

were that it is environmentally-friendly, with more than 60 per cent of new steel made from recycled steel and could save on architects' fees as most steel-building firms can provide detailed plans which can be discussed and modified as required.

He added: "What better time to capitalise on and prepare you and your business for a resurgent economy?"

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Cash-flow workshops help address balance

IN THESE difficult times it is perhaps the biggest single challenge facing SMEs – juggling the cash-flow.

Now the University of Kent has stepped in to help more than 50 local businesses get a grip on the flow of money in and out of their business camp – and how keep that all important balance.

The university's Centre for Employment, Competitiveness and Growth (ECG) assisted dozens of firms through a one-day workshop on leadership for growth and performance.

The workshop was held at Kent Business School on the university's Canterbury campus and included representatives from the Federation of Small Businesses, Thanet and East Kent Chamber of Commerce and Manufacturing Advisory Service South East, as well as owners and managers of small and medium sized firms.

The workshop was funded by the Economic and Social Research Council and was part of the ECG's Promoting Sustainable Performance project. Simon Raby, a research associate at the

centre and one of the organisers of the workshop, said: "Detailed research highlights that the majority of businesses, even prior to recessionary pressures, are not achieving their aspirations for growth.

"Through this research, the businesses informed us of the key challenges facing their businesses, which were subsequently translated into a short practical improvement programme."

Dr Mark Gilman, the director of ECG, said: "Ongoing engagement between businesses and the UK's higher education sector is of paramount importance in order that relevant knowledge is transferred and fostered for superior performance, especially in these tough economic times."

Another workshop – this time titled Promoting Sustainable Performance: a Model for SME Performance and Growth will be held on Tuesday, June 30.

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Timeline

Kent on Sunday sport takes a look back at the county's sporting action of yesteryear

1909

100 YEARS AGO: A Mereworth cricketer recorded incredible figures of 8-1 in their derby with Teston.

Udall was the star bowler, his figures including a hat-trick.

Elsewhere in the local cricket scene, Seal beat Plaxtol by 85 runs with Peach taking 6-15 and Ansell 4-21.

The derby between Maidstone and Town Malling at the Athletic Ground was abandoned due to poor weather, while Chatham Dockyard suffered defeat by an innings and 13 runs to Sutton Valence.

Play was also abandoned between the Pale Ale Brewery and Eiffel Tower.

The perils of cycling after dark were illustrated when Percival Robins of St James Road Tunbridge Wells was fined 1s and 9d costs for riding without a light at night. A policeman asked where his light was and Robins replied: "There it is!" Unfortunately he was pointing at a street light.

1959

50 YEARS AGO: A commemorative game of cricket was held on the Goodwin Sands to mark 75 years of the Borough of Ramsgate and the bicentennial of the construction of the Royal Harbour.

Four motor boats took an hour to take the teams ashore. The teams, captained by Ramsgate's Mayor Eddie Butcher and Vicar John White had to declare after 26 minutes. The outfield was described as "wet" – the game was watched by five seals.

The FA Council held its annual conference in Folkestone, with a proposed super league of leading clubs in England, Scotland, Wales and Ireland – and leading continental sides – on the agenda.

England manager Walter Winterbottom was also due to give a report on the failure of the team in South America.

1984

25 YEARS AGO: THERE was shock news for Kent as Bob Woolmer was told to give up cricket by a specialist after years of back problems.

Woolmer (pictured) was in his benefit season and it was announced that Gillingham's Garrison Ground would host an exhibition match against the West Indies.

Kent Invicta Rugby League announced it was moving to Southend, after talk of relocating from Maidstone to either Crystal Palace's Selhurst Park, or Chatham Town.

West Malling withdrew from the Kent Amateur League – thereafter known as the Kent County League, after being refused promotion.

West Malling finished second to Otford United but were told they would not be promoted to the Senior Section as Bexley United, who had finished second from bottom, had senior status and under league rules could not be relegated.

West Malling withdrew and announced a move to the London Spartan League.



The giant killers

Team Motorbase taking on British Touring Car big guns and showing them how it's done

Picture: NICK DUNGAN

By TOM HOWARD

DAVID versus Goliath stories often only end one way in motor racing but Kent's Motorbase Performance are proving to be the exception to the rule.

The Wrotham-based team, started by David Bartrum in 2004, have become genuine British Touring Car contenders. After just three years in the championship, they are now regularly beating the might of the works Vauxhall team.

The team have enjoyed a fantastic start to 2009, taking their maiden race victory in the opening round of the season at home circuit

Brands Hatch. Since then, the Motorbase BMWs of Rob Collard and Jonathan Adam have picked up three podium finishes, including a race win at Donington Park.

Motorbase lie third in the Teams' Championship and Bartrum is still pinching himself his small independent team are competing with Vauxhall, who have won seven of the last eight manufacturer titles.

He told Kent on Sunday: "In our workshops we have nine full-time staff, which includes myself. Our team is great, the atmosphere is second to none.

"Obviously we have our part-time staff that come in and make our team quite substantial, but everyone works hard and for the team. I think we'll go from strength to strength."

With his team enjoying a summer break before the crucial second half of the season, Bartrum is contemplating entering a third car into the championship.

The Motorbase owner is intending to award the drive to Steven Kane, but admitted it depends on his team's finances.

"We are still thinking about the third car," he said. "It is a very difficult time for all businesses and teams at the moment, so to achieve what we have already is remarkable."

"It would be a big achievement to get the third car out. We are already running the Porsche cars in the Carrera Cup as well, so we are very busy."

Motorbase return to British Touring Car action on August 1, at Snetterton in Norfolk.

Nat's chance to shine for England

NATALIE Seymour is celebrating after being selected for her first major senior international tournament with England.

The 22-year-old, who plays for Canterbury ladies, is part of head coach Danny Kerry's 18-strong squad for the Champions Trophy in Australia, which begins on July 11.

England will face the top five teams in the world in the prestigious annual competition.

Seymour, who won gold at the Australian Youth Olympic Festival in her last tournament in Sydney two years ago, is desperate for a chance to prove herself at the highest level.

She said: "I think on an individual level it's a step in the right direction.

"Being selected for a major tournament is something I have really wanted for a long time. I feel it's going well and every opportunity

I get I just try and do the things I have to do to improve."

Good performances could help cement the University of Kent student's place in the side for the EuroHockey Nations Championships in August.

Arguably even more important than the Champions Trophy, it offers qualifying places for the World Cup to successful sides.

Despite the recent run in the team, Seymour is trying to keep her feet on the ground.

She said: "I'm just taking it one step at a time. It's easy to say and it's something I have tried to do. It's human nature to think about these things.

"You do look forward and have longer-term goals but at the same time I'm trying to concentrate on the games out here and where it takes me."



Picture: ADY KERRY

SELECTED: Natalie Seymour is off to Oz with the England squad

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Kevin Maher important to us than ever, says Stimson

By **DAVID PRITCHARD**

GILLINGHAM manager Mark Stimson believes Kevin Maher will be an important player next season after the midfielder became the club's first summer signing.

The former Southend skipper is no stranger to Priestfield after playing seven games for the club two seasons ago. He almost signed for the Gills last summer, but opted to stay in League One by moving to Oldham instead.

Stimson's interest was renewed when the Latics decided against renewing Maher's contract in May and he finally got his man to agree a two-year deal on Wednesday.

At 32, Maher is older than the bulk of Stimson's recruits, but the Gills boss told Kent on Sunday he was interested precisely because of his age.

He said: "It's not a problem at all. If you're good enough you'll play for me. I don't look at ages, just players. I've signed a lot of young players and they've done well but you're not going to win anything with youngsters."

"Every team needs experience because and Kevin's got that in abundance. He knows how to win things and when you talk to him he still wants to be successful and move forward, which is a massive plus."

While any transfer carries an element of risk, Maher's previous spell at the Gills makes him a far safer bet. He has kept in touch with several members of the squad and Stimson agreed knowing the player in advance carried significant advantages.

He said: "It's a massive help, whenever you sign a player you wonder if it will work, what their character's like, will he understand everything you want from him, but we've been lucky enough to work with Kevin before so we know him inside out."

Maher will not be the last new face added to the squad before the start of the season in



THUMBS UP: Kevin Maher's experience will be invaluable to the Gills, says boss Mark Stimson (below) Picture: IGOR KUPCO

August, with at least two more signings in the pipeline. The squad return to pre-season training on Thursday and the Gills boss expects the usual smattering of trialists to try and catch the eye.

One deal which should be tied up next week is a new contract for first team coach Mark Robson, who returned from holiday late last week.



Picture: ADY KERRY

Smalling's Ful of confidence over his first-team chances

AFTER making his Premier League debut last month, Chris Smalling is confident he can force himself into the first team reckoning at Fulham next season.

The former Maidstone United defender has risen rapidly up the football pyramid in just 12 months. Since joining Fulham this time last year, Smalling has progressed from the academy to become captain of the reserves. He also earned an England under 20 call-up and came on as a substitute in Fulham's final Premier League game against Everton.

The 19-year-old told Kent on Sunday he had enjoyed every minute of his first season with Fulham, but is eager to nail down a place in first team next term.

"It has been a long hard season, but it ended brilliantly with my debut for the first team," he said. "It's what everyone is aiming for, but I remember thinking 'just keep my nose clean and don't make a mistake'."

"I was pretty nervous, but [manager] Roy Hodgson said I did a good job and that I am in his plans for next season."

The former Chatham Grammar School pupil, who is entering his second year of a three-year deal, has been approached by a number of clubs to move on loan, but he insists his future lies at Fulham.

He added: "I'm happy where I am. It was an option to look into but I am keen to keep playing my way into contention at Fulham."



CONFIDENT: Chris Smalling hopes to secure a regular first-team spot at Fulham

Smalling will travel with the squad to Australia for a pre-season tour next week.

Setanta collapse piles on money worries for Fleet

EBBSFLEET United stand to lose more than £60,000 as a result of Irish television broadcaster Setanta Sports going into administration.

The television broadcaster entered administration this week after cash flow problems.

The deal was worth around £60,000 per season to Fleet, but with the knock-on effects expected to impact on sponsorship the figure could be higher. Last season Fleet had three games shown live on Setanta.

The loss comes as a further blow to Fleet, whose funds had already been cut after only a third of the 32,000 website owners renewing their subscriptions in February.

Fleet chairman John Moules admitted it will not only affect the budget, but will have implications when it comes to attracting potential sponsors.

Moules, who was the Football Conference's chief executive when the deal was signed, believes it is unlikely the contract will be bought by another broadcaster, which happened with ESPN buying the network's Premier League games this week.

He told Kent on Sunday: "The Setanta deal



Picture: ADY KERRY

CASH FLOW: Setanta TV deal earned Fleet around £60,000 a season

was excellent for non-league football. It really raised the profile of Conference clubs, so we are expecting a knock-on effect as it did attract extra sponsors. We are all hoping somebody will come in to take up the contract, but at the moment this seems very unlikely."

Fleet begin pre-season training next Thursday and a number of trialists are expected to turn up hoping to earn contracts at the club.

The club are set to sell striker Michael Gash and defender Darius Charles after accepting an £80,000 bid for the pair from an unnamed club.

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IMPRESSED: Curtly Ambrose said young Sutton Valence players put up a fight

Windies legend Curtly praise for valiant Valence

WORLD cricket icon Curtly Ambrose has praised staff and players at Sutton Valence School following a narrow defeat to an all-star Lashings side last week.

The Lashings World XI, set up by Maidstone businessman and former Sutton Valence School pupil David Folb as an exhibition team which helps raise money for charity, played a 30-over match against the schoolboys side last Friday.

Sutton Valence had a battle on their hands facing a formidable line up, which included former internationals Devon Malcolm, Graeme Hick (both England), Ritchie Richardson, Ambrose (both West Indies), Jason Gillespie (Australia), Mohammad Akram, Saqlain Mustaq and Azhar Mahmood (all Pakistan).

Impressed

Despite the star studded line-up, Sutton Valence fell just 28 runs short of Lashings' total. West Indian bowling superstar Ambrose, who took 405 Test wickets during a brilliant career, admitted he was impressed by the game the schoolboys played.

He told Kent on Sunday: "I thoroughly enjoyed playing against these school kids. It was something new to me but they really put up a good fight. They were not overawed by the big-name players, which was great to see."

Folb was equally stunned by his former school's performance and praised the coaching staff for their efforts in improving the team.

He said: "We have been coming here for a while now and I have never seen a side as good as the one we played."

"All the players and coaches deserve a huge slap on the back. When you face the likes of Curtly Ambrose, Jason Gillespie, Mohammed Akram and Devon Malcolm, most sides would crumble, but Sutton Valence made us work."



Whole world in our hands

Trophies put women's cricket
on the map, says victorious
England and Kent star Lydia

By **DAVID PRITCHARD**

AFTER years on the periphery, women's cricket is ready to take on a higher profile after the sport reached a defining moment last weekend, according to Kent and England cricketer Lydia Greenway.

The 23-year-old was in the England side that crushed New Zealand by six wickets to win the World Twenty20 final in front of a big crowd at Lord's last Sunday.

Gordon Brown, David Cameron and Andrew Strauss have been among the procession of big names jostling to pay tribute to Kent skipper Charlotte Edwards and her team this week.

Cheered

In an effort to stimulate interest in the women's game, the semi-finals and final were scheduled at the same venue as the men.

As a result, thousands cheered England to a thrilling semi-final victory against Australia at The Oval two days before an estimated 14,000 watched the climax against New Zealand.

Bromley-born Greenway told Kent on Sunday she believes the tournament will be seen in years to come as very significant in taking the sport to the next level.

"I think it could be a turning point for the women's game, purely from the amount of press coverage we got - we were on the front pages of national newspapers," she said.



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WINNERS: England players celebrate another wicket during the Women's World Twenty20

"I think playing before the men was a big success. With both tournaments run by the ICC [International Cricket Council] it was pretty equal, which is massive for us. It's great to get the amount of exposure we have had over the last week.

"The main thing was to get more support and raise the profile and that happened with playing at The Oval and getting the win we did.

"It's been a really good boost for women's cricket because a lot of supporters at The Oval or Lord's wouldn't have watched the women's game before. Hopefully we have converted a few."

The triumph was the latest in an extraordinarily successful run for England's women, who have won back-to-back Ashes series and in March won the World Cup for the first time since 1993.

They had little time to reflect on last weekend's victory, with a five-game one-

day series against Australia starting at Chelmsford tomorrow. Next month they face their old rivals at New Road, Worcester, for a one-off Test match where they will look for an unprecedented third successive Ashes series win.

Despite revelling in the almost non-stop success, Greenway does not believe it will go to the players' heads.

She said: "We've got to work hard on getting our games together for Australia. The Ashes is the biggest prize in cricket and we would obviously be really keen to keep them in England."

"With our coach Mark Lane, Charlotte [Edwards] and the group of girls we've got I don't think they would let us rest on our laurels. We are so hungry for more success. We all really want to keep on achieving as much as we can."



SUCCESS: Lydia Greenway (above) fielding and (right) Charlotte Edwards holds aloft the Women's World Twenty20 Cup trophy

'Lack of runs hurt chances of making a big impact'

Kent captain says he is taking the positives from his England recall after playing in just one game at the World Twenty20



THE highs and lows of sport have rarely been more pronounced for me than in these past few weeks. What with the World Twenty20, the England Lions and my Kent form, it has been a real rollercoaster of emotions.

At least I've managed to get some runs in the past week, and by the time you read this I hope we have managed to qualify for the Twenty20 Cup quarter-finals. Everyone in the Kent team has certainly been determined to reach the knockout stage of the competition for the third year in a row.

As for me, it was obviously very disappointing indeed to miss out on all but one of England's World Twenty20 matches. I would not have played against Holland, either, in the ill-fated tournament opener, had Kevin Pietersen been fit.

It did not help my cause that I went into the tournament with a lack of runs to my name in the couple of Twenty20 Cup hits I had in the first stage of our county competition. But being selected in the England squad was a real high, and despite my personal disappointment at not being involved in the games it was still a hugely enjoyable experience.



I would also have liked the chance to play for the England Lions against Australia next week, especially after leading the Lions last winter in New Zealand and against the West Indies at the start of the summer, but again lack of time in the middle counted against me.

Having been closely involved with England, though, during the World Twenty20, is encouragement enough to keep working hard at my batting and try to be as successful as we can this season at Kent. And I believe England were not that far away from being good enough to have won the World Twenty20.

All we lacked in our side was someone in the middle-order to hit the ball over the ropes. Our top order batting of Ravi Bopara, Pietersen and Owais Shah was as good as

anyone's and I thought our frontline bowling attack was easily a match for any of the other countries.

As a squad, we were thrown together a bit and there was little time to find a formula. That's why I didn't play in either of the warm-up games, because Luke Wright was given a go at the top of the order and did well.

I quite understood the decision to push me down from number three to number six during the Holland game. It was right for Shah to be sent in ahead of me at three after a long (by Twenty20 standards) opening stand between Bopara and Wright.

As an experienced county captain in Twenty20, I was asked for my views when the squad first gathered. After that it was down to Paul Collingwood to lead as he saw fit, with input from Pietersen and other senior players and the England management. That, again, was fair enough.

The next World Twenty20 is in the West Indies next April, and so it will be interesting to see what England decide to do going forward as a result of what happened in this tournament. As an added incentive for us to continue to do well at Kent in Twenty20, of course, it is massive.

What I will remember most from this recent tournament is the atmosphere in the grounds. Sitting in the England dug-out, I had one of the best seats in the house, and there is simply nothing like it in cricket for spectacle and atmosphere. It is probably the closest we can come in cricket to playing football for England at Wembley.

And, in terms of pressure and skill levels, it is far above anything else I have experienced on a cricket field. That is the appeal of Twenty20: everything you do has to be executed perfectly and to see Chris Gayle hit 90mph-plus balls from Brett Lee over the pavilion at the Oval says it all.

Most of the time in cricket you have a good idea of where the game is going in terms of the final result – once the game has begun to take shape. But, in Twenty20, for 90 or 95 per cent of the time you have no idea, often right up to the final over. It is true edge-of-the-seat stuff.

• Rob Key, the Kent captain and England batsman, is one of Kent on Sunday's regular sports columnists.



Steele set for F3 bow

AARON Steele will make his debut in the Formula 3 Championship next weekend, after agreeing a race-by-race deal with the Litespeed team.

The Rochester driver has been searching for a regular drive all season, after missing out on a deal in the Formula Palmer Audi Championship. His last outing came as a test driver for the Great Britain A1GP team in the final round of the season at Brands Hatch last month.

Steele will make his debut with the team at Snetterton after completing two test sessions with the team and is looking forward to getting back to racing.

He said: "From the little running I had, I felt confident with the car. Racing for Litespeed F3 is a mega opportunity and it's important that I have good races and achieve good results. I'm confident that we'll be right up there soon."

Steele will join up with fellow Kent racer Jay Bridger, who also races for the Litespeed.



UNLUCKY: Matt Ford missed out on Open chance

Door Open for golfers

SIX of the county's golfers are just one step away from qualifying for The Open Championship at Turnberry in Scotland next month.

Kent's Rochester & Cobham Park golf course hosted one of 16 Regional Qualifying competitions on Wednesday, with golfers from all over the world battling for precious qualification places.

Dartford amateur Michael Saunders won the competition, followed by Sundridge Park's James Smith, Deangate Ridge's Thomas Crozer and Dartford amateur Daniel Byrne. Rochester & Cobham Park pair Lloyd Campbell and amateur Amir Habibi also qualified.

Maidstone golfer Matt Ford (pictured) came agonisingly close to qualifying, missing out by two shots.

The six golfers will now take part in Local Final Qualifying on July 6-7. They will be joined by Sevenoaks' Peter Appleyard and Tom Sherreard (Chart Hills), who both qualified for Royal Birkdale last year, plus top amateur Matt Haines (Rochester & Cobham Park).

The field will be split across venues at Glasgow, Kilmarnock and Western Gailes, with the top four from each qualifying for The Open.



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Invicta on verge of administration

FOLKESTONE Invicta could opt to go into administration tomorrow if a wealthy backer is not found this weekend.

The Seasiders have struggled to find replacements for their two main sponsors, whose deals ran out at the end of last season.

Together they covered around a third of the club's annual £150,000 running costs, but after several weeks of trying to attract new investment, Invicta are preparing for the worst.

The club have set a deadline of 9am tomorrow for backers to come forward, but

Andy Ingleston, Invicta's financial controller, admitted late last week there were none in the pipeline.

He said: "We are hoisting the white flag before we get further into debt. I sincerely hope we find the money but I've been at the club for 10 years and that person has not come forward."

"We have given ourselves six weeks before the start of the season to try to get things sorted out and save quite a few jobs."

The Ryman South club have debts of around £70,000, which they describe as manageable, but without sponsors it

would balloon next season. Invicta are also fighting a separate liability with the Inland Revenue, which is estimated to be in the region of £110,000.

Ingleston will recommend the three remaining directors take the club into administration if there is no fresh cash injection by tomorrow morning.

Administration would see the club taken over by an outside body that would attempt to find a solution.

Such a decision could also bring a points penalty for the team, who are due to start their Ryman South campaign in August.

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INJURED LISA FACES RACE AGAINST TIME

Leg injury could dash World Championship hopes

LESS than a year after narrowly missing out on an Olympic medal, Lisa Dobriskey is in a frantic fitness battle which threatens to rule her out of this summer's World Athletics Championships.

The Ashford-born 1500 metre runner picked up a stress injury to her leg a month ago, after returning from a warm weather training camp in South Africa in April.

With Team GB's World Trials at Birmingham just two weeks away, Dobriskey has a fight on her hands to prove herself and qualify for the championships in Berlin later this summer.

Despite not fully recovering from the injury, the 25-year-old returned to the track earlier this month. Her last competitive race was a 1500m event at the FBK Games at Hengelo in Holland on June 1, where she finished 15th, posting a time nine seconds off her personal best.

Training hard

With the injury coming so close to the World Trials, the 2006 Commonwealth champion rates her chances of qualifying for the Championships as only 50/50.

She told Kent on Sunday: "It is going to be a race against time, so I have been training hard and doing work on treadmills. I am back running now, but it is touch and go whether I will make the trials and the World Championships."

"I should be fit in time for the trials, but the standard is so high this year I don't know if I will qualify. I will keep working hard, I have not given up and thrown in the towel yet."

The injury is a body blow for Dobriskey, who emerged as a world class athlete last year.

EXCLUSIVE

By **TOM HOWARD**

Knocking several seconds off her personal best just before the Beijing Olympics, she finished fourth in the final, missing out on a medal by a fraction of a second.

Following on from the disappointment, Dobriskey had been targeting a medal at the World Championships to make amends for Beijing - making her situation all the more soul destroying.

She said: "It's really hard to take as the injury has come at the worst possible time. I am devastated that I might miss the World Championships, as I had really high hopes going into it. It is the main point of the season for me."

As she battles against the clock to get in peak form ahead of the World Trials, Dobriskey has been heartened by the help received from former marathon world champion Paula Radcliffe.

The long-distance athlete suffered from a similar injury earlier in her running career and has offered tips on speeding up the healing process.

Dobriskey said: "Paula has been really supportive and has been offering me help with my fitness. It has been real help to hear from her. She has given me a training pattern and told me about vitamin types, which can help the healing process. Now I hope it will help me get to the World Championships."



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TOUCH AND GO: Lisa Dobriskey has a fight on her hands to overcome injury in time for the World Championship trials